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Their CASA is Your CASA

Children's Advocates host 'Coffee With a Cop' in the Bay



CASA of Hancock County and the Savage Skillet on Friday partnered to host "Coffee With a Cop" for the Bay St. Louis Police Department.

BY GEOFF BELCHER
NEWS EDITOR

Hancock County CASA & Savage Skillet partnered on Friday to host "Coffee with a Cop" at CASA's office in Bay St. Louis, drawing a near-record crowd for the monthly event.

"I think it went great," Cynthia Chauvin, executive director for CASA of Hancock County, said Friday. "We recruited a couple of new volunteers who just showed up to

learn more about CASA. For us, it was an invaluable opportunity.

"From the standpoint of partnering with another business, the Savage Skillet was a great business partner. And (Savage Skillet owner Tara Davis) is a great supporter of CASA."

It was also a great opportunity for CASA advocates and members of the community to relate one-on-one with the officers of the Bay St. Louis

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No major changes after Hancock Co. Primary Election results are certified

BY GEOFF BELCHER
NEWS EDITOR

The Hancock County Circuit Clerk's office on Tuesday officially certified last week's primary election results and, while some of the totals changed, none of the outcomes did.

"The Democrats only had four affidavit ballots and all four were ineligible to count," a circuit clerk employee said. "There were 87 affidavit ballots in the Republican primary, but it didn't change any of the winners or run-off candidates."

In the state Senate District 46 Republican pri-

mary, official Hancock County results still favored current Board of Supervisors President Blaine LaFontaine over incumbent Sen. Philip Moran 4,887-4,691, but official Harrison County results still put Moran ahead overall as the clear nominee.

In House District 95, Republican incumbent

Patricia Willis was still the favorite with 1,372 votes. Diamondhead City Councilwoman Nancy Depreo came in second in the county with 1,104 votes, but the Harrison County official results mean Willis will head to a runoff with Jay

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Hancock Sheriff's Chief Investigator Glenn Grannan logs crime scene evidence at a Mississippi Crime lab trailer last year.

Hancock Grand Jury wants state to invest in better CSI

Asks for more money, resources for forensics

BY GEOFF BELCHER
NEWS EDITOR

A Hancock County Grand Jury last week recommended -- among other things -- that the state legislature "increase funding and resources to the MS Forensics Laboratory to avoid substantial delays in completing cases and provide timely processing of evidence to ensure speedy trial."

"Hopefully, somebody will do something soon," Hancock Sheriff's Chief Investigator Glenn Grannan said Friday. "It seems to me that forensics is just a step-child (in Mississippi). I don't get it. Think about how important it is. We're spending money all over the place, yet the state crime lab is severely underfunded. There's very little money to actually process evidence."

Grannan said that while "CSI" and other television programs show crime labs filled with employees, there are approximately two to take care of the entire state of Mississippi.

That directly impacts law enforcement agencies in every city and county in Mississippi, he said.

"They're so overwhelmed, it's difficult," Grannan said. "They're so stacked up, not long ago, we were notified they were not going to process any more gun residue. That's the chemical process by which they determine whether someone has fired a gun."



Grannan

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Local school districts improve in state-wide test scores

BY GEOFF BELCHER
NEWS EDITOR

The Mississippi Department of Education on Thursday released the test scores from the 2019-2019 state Academic Assessment Program -- showing all-time scores in English and math state-wide -- and the

superintendents of all three local public school districts said they're pleased with the results.

"With the release of the 2019 Mississippi State Test Scores by the Mississippi Department of Education, Hancock County School District (HCSD) is celebrating many achievements," Hancock

Superintendent Alan Dedeaux said in a press release Friday. "East Hancock Elementary School, Grade 5 Math, had the highest scale score in the state, and Grade 5 Math also had the highest percentage of students profi-

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East Hancock Elementary School, Grade 5 Math, had the highest scale score in the state in the latest statewide assessment released on Thursday.

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Mississippi Aquarium Debuts Theme, Unveils Art for Sept. 27 Hancock Whitney Splash Bash

Sell-out fundraiser celebrates ‘The Year of the Croc,’ features custom design by Coast artist Robert Waldrop

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Crocodiles are cool, especially at this year’s Hancock Whitney Splash Bash for Mississippi Aquarium.

Earlier today, Mississippi Aquarium and Hancock Whitney officially announced the theme of the September 27, 2019, fundraising celebration as “The Year of the Croc,” with the endangered American crocodile as the wildlife focus for this year. Additionally, aquarium and bank leaders joined well-known Gulf Coast artist Robert Waldrop to unveil his commemorative artwork for 2019 Hancock Whitney Splash Bash.

Each year, Hancock Whitney Splash Bash spotlights wildlife or marine life expected to reside in replicated native habitats at Mississippi Aquarium. In 2018 the sell-out inaugural Hancock Whitney Splash Bash welcomed 2,000-plus partygoers with a special emphasis on the African penguin and introduced the first in a series of original designs created by Gulf Coast area artists specifically for the annual gala.

“As a focal point for Hancock Whitney Splash Bash, Mississippi Aquarium selects an animal important to ecosystems and facing threats to its environment and its future. This year, we chose the American crocodile, a close cousin to our American alligator which holds an integral place in the overall balance of wildlife in waterways and wetlands,” said Mississippi Aquarium Chief Operating Officer Kurt Allen. “For ‘The Year of the Croc,’



Photo courtesy of Hancock Whitney and Mississippi Aquarium
The 2019 Hancock Whitney Splash Bash artwork by former Gulfport firefighter and well-known regional artist Robert Waldrop celebrates “The Year of the Croc” on collectors’ posters and wearables available for pre-order at www.msaquarium.org/splash-bash.

Robert Waldrop has created a rare and amazing scene with his inspiring depiction of an American crocodile welcoming new life into her habitat and has captured the wonder of this animal with extraordinary artistry.”

Waldrop’s nature inspired works—including watercolors, acrylics, and metal pieces—grace galleries across the Gulf Coast from New Orleans to South Mississippi to Mobile and are part of private collections across the country.

The lifelong Gulfport resident’s one-of-kind design for the second annual Hancock Whitney Splash Bash will appear on the limited-print event poster as well as wearables available for pre-order on the Mississippi Aquarium website at <https://www.msaquarium.org/splash-bash>.

Gulfport, Mississippi, native and New Orleans based designer and artist

Rick Dobbs created art for the 2018 collectors’ poster.

“Hancock Whitney is honored to be title sponsor again this year for the second annual Hancock Whitney Splash Bash. We also extend sincere thanks to the many other sponsors who have committed or will contribute to this benefit for Mississippi Aquarium,” said Hancock Whitney Mississippi President Emory Mayfield. “We look forward to celebrating ‘The Year of the Croc’ on September 27 at Hancock Whitney Splash Bash as the Gulf Coast comes together for great music, great food, great people, and a great asset to our community—Mississippi Aquarium.”

Hancock Whitney Splash Bash proceeds support Mississippi Aquarium, a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit organization. Under construction in downtown Gulfport and expected to open in late 2019/early 2020, Mississippi



Photo courtesy of Hancock Whitney and Mississippi Aquarium
Mississippi Aquarium and Hancock Whitney revealed the theme for the 2019 Hancock Whitney Splash — “The Year of the Croc” — and the commemorative one-of-a-kind design by Gulf Coast artist Robert Waldrop depicting the endangered American crocodile in its habitat. From left, Waldrop; Hancock Whitney Mississippi President Emory Mayfield; Mississippi Aquarium COO Kurt Allen; and Mississippi Aquarium Foundation representative Johnny Atherton.

Aquarium will be an accredited aquarium and global destination recognized for family entertainment, educational programming, conservation advancement, and showcases for marine life and marine research.

For Hancock Whitney Splash Bash tickets and sponsorship opportunities, visit <https://www.msaquarium.org/splash-bash>. For more details, email info@msaquarium.org.

About Mississippi Aquarium

Mississippi Aquarium, a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit, tax-exempt organization, is committed to igniting curiosity, compassion, exploration, and an appreciation of our marine environment. When it opens its doors to the public, Mississippi Aquarium will provide engaging and entertaining guest experiences with its large variety of fishes, invertebrates, birds, and mammals from the Gulf and beyond. With

its core principles centered around Education, Conservation, and Community, Mississippi Aquarium’s mission is to be a premier institution delivering an awe-inspiring experience which supports animal research and conservation, inspires learning, and instills a passion for the aquatic world. Supported by the City of Gulfport, the State of Mississippi, and the community-at-large, Mississippi Aquarium will open in late 2019/early 2020 and is located across from Jones Park on Highway 90 in downtown Gulfport. Follow Mississippi Aquarium on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Instagram to get the latest updates or visit msaquarium.org to watch our progress live.

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The company also operates a loan production office in Nashville, Tennessee, as well as trust and asset management offices in New Jersey and New York. BauerFinancial, Inc., the nation’s leading independent bank rating and analysis firm, consistently recommends Hancock Whitney as one of America’s most financially sound banks. More information is available at www.hancockwhitney.com.

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SouthGroup Insurance Services in Bay St Louis presents a check for \$625 to Dianne Bennett (front) of Gulf Coast Christian Women's Job Corps. From left: Melissa Dunn, Tammy Hogue, Denise Russell, Tammy Garfield, Tracy Arnold, and Whitney Webb.

SouthGroup Contributes \$625 to Christian Women's Job Corps

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SouthGroup Insurance Services, sponsor and host of the annual Make-A-Difference 5K Race in Ridgeland, presented a check to Gulf Coast Christian Women's Job Corps from the pro-

ceeds of the 2019 race.

Over 400 runners and walkers participated in the race according to Angelyn Treutel Zeringue, President of SouthGroup in Bay St Louis.

"Over 100 SouthGroup employees and family members from across the state, including Bay St

Louis and Biloxi worked as volunteers in registration, course marshals, children's activities, race assistants, aid stations, traffic control and refreshment services".

GCCWJC is a faith-based ministry providing hope, and helping those in need to move towards self-sufficiency by delivering

education, mentoring, and strength-based skills. "We are very blessed to have GCCWJC in our community helping women who are overcoming roadblocks and trying to start a new life", Treutel-Zeringue said. For more information, call your local SouthGroup office at 228-466-4498.

Student intern program tackles water quality issues in Magnolia Bayou Watershed

SEA COAST ECHO

As students are heading back to school on the coast, three graduates of Bay-Waveland Middle School are wrapping up a summer internship and peer leadership program with Mississippi State University's Gulf Coast Community Design Studio.

The internship was in partnership with the Hancock County Unit of the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast and the Bay St. Louis Creative Art Center. Kiana Han, Tasia Williams and Trinity Wilson all completed the program after being nominated by their 8th grade science teacher, GiGi Wheeler. The internship was part of a one-year, grant-funded program through The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine focused on Magnolia Bayou Watershed.

Last spring, Wheelers 8th graders participated in a five-day program lead by staff from the Gulf Coast Community Design Studio where students learned about watershed dynamics and the impacts of stormwater runoff on water quality and quantity; particularly around Magnolia Bayou Watershed. Magnolia Bayou is an important local waterway close to both Bay-Waveland Middle School and the Hancock County Unit of the Boys and Girls Clubs. As part of the program students were able to go out to the bayou and test water quality alongside NOAA and other science professionals and explore different Low Impact Development design strategies that could improve local stormwater management practices. Han, Williams and Wilson were all nominated for the summer internship opportunity because of their performance in-class and enthusiasm for the subject matter. "This was such an amazing opportunity for my students. I am so proud of all the hard work that they did and are doing," commented Wheeler.

Over the summer, Han, Williams and Wilson worked together and independently under the guidance of staff from the Gulf Coast Community Design Studio and Steve Barney, a local artist and founder of the STEAMPunk pottery project and Bay St. Louis Creative Arts Center. The internship program was housed at the Hancock County Unit of the Boys and Girls Clubs and the three young women were

challenged with planning and implementing a STEAM (Science,

Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) – based program to educate their peers at the Club on some of what they had learned about Magnolia Bayou Watershed. Han, Williams and Wilson focused on three different topics related to improving water quality in Magnolia Bayou Watershed:

- Tasia Williams chose to educate students at the Club on the impacts of litter, particularly single-use plastic, on local waterways. She organized a clean-up day that included several sites around Bay St. Louis. Students not only picked up litter at the sites, but also weighed and inventoried what they found. The data collection helped the students start to identify litter hot-spots around the watershed and understand more about some of the common sources of litter. Williams also wrote up a proposal for the Club to continue with regular litter clean-ups.

- Trinity Wilson, inspired by the negative impacts of the recent algae bloom, taught students about how overuse of fertilizers and pesticides affect water quality and how alternative practices, like composting, can help. She led the students in building a compost bin for the Club and created a plan so the Club can continue to compost and re-start gardening in their courtyard.

- Kiana Han educated the students on how the products we use can negatively impact our environment both because of the chemicals they are made of and the packaging they come in. She chose to guide the students through the process of making organic soap and used the packaging as a creative way to display environmental messages. She also wrote up a plan for the Boys and Girls Club to use the project in the future as a potential fundraiser.

The project was a great success and a learning experience for all involved. "I have enjoyed watching the passion for this project blossom, not just for these amazing girls but also for their Boys and Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast friends" reflected Shannon Anicas, Unit Director of the Hancock County Unit of the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast. "These partnerships and programs are so beneficial to our students and the larger community."

Amanda Shaw among performers at Alice Moseley Fun Fest 2 today

BY GEOFF BELCHER
NEWS EDITOR

The Alice Moseley Folk Art & Antique Museum will host the second annual Alice Moseley Fun Fest today, Saturday, Aug. 17, on the historic Bay St. Louis Depot grounds.

"What better way to enjoy a Saturday afternoon under the historic Depot oaks?" museum Executive Director Lonnie Falgout said Friday. "Walking, looking, eating, relaxing plus listening to great music with no admission charge!"

Fun Fest 2 will feature local artists, food, refreshments, a children's area, and live music.

"From our own Bay Ratz, Coastal Native Delights, The Dave Mayley Band and of course Monsters At Large, we've kept and will continue each year with our local entertainers," Falgout said. "Add in a new dynamic, Faith Becnel, our headliner last year Amanda Shaw and then close the day with swamp pop kings, Ryan Foret & The Foret Tradition.

"We're excited by this lineup, but mostly because these musicians wanted to come and play while helping to hopefully making this an annual community celebration."



Echo file photo

Acclaimed musician Amanda Shaw sings and fiddles at last year's Alice Moseley Museum Fun Fest.

The Kids' Zone will feature bouncy houses, a sidewalk chalk art contest, and other activities for children, Falgout said.

The festival, scheduled from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Aug. 17, is a free event.

"Some of the business community leaders like the

Sliver Slipper, the Shoofly, Hollywood Casino, the Daiquiri Shak, Sea Coast Echo, Hancock County Tourism, to name just a few, saw our commitment to continue this as a fun community gathering, not just as a museum fundraiser," Falgout said.

"We want to expose Alice's works and the museum, but more in a community sharing venue."

Nereids to host 4th annual Mermaids Arts & Crafts show

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The 4th Annual Mermaids Arts and Crafts Show will be held on the shady grounds of the Historic Train Depot, 1928 Depot Way, in beautiful Bay Saint Louis, MS on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 14 and 15. The Arts and Craft show features handmade goods such as jewelry, ceramics and woodwork from artists from all over the South. Also featuring an Art Contest with cash prizes of

1st \$300 and 2nd \$200. Show times are from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Sunday. The location provides easy access to downtown shopping, restaurants, campgrounds, hotels and casinos in one of Southern Living Magazine's "Top 50 Places to be in the South."

For more information on the event, and art contest email us at info@thekreweofnereids.com or visit www.thekreweofnereids.com or thekreweofnereids.wixsite.

com/mermaidmarketplace. Vendor forms and information are available on the websites.



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European colonization of the MS Gulf Coast during the 18th Century

During the 18th century European nations established colonies and/or settlements on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Known as the French, English, and Spanish periods of Mississippi history, the story of these times recounts the rule of several different colonial governments each under its appropriate national flag.

Transfer of land ownership was determined by European wars and the resultant treaties signed by France, England, and Spain.

As a result the political map of the region changed dramatically during the 1700s. With the added influence of the Native American culture this rich chronicle of Mississippi unfolded in the southern piney forests and barrier islands of the Gulf of Mexico.

The French period of this history extended from 1699 to 1763. René-Robert Cavelier de LaSalle explored the Mississippi River and claimed the region in the name of France which flew the Fleur de Lis flag.

After the Treaty of Ryswick in 1697, Louis XIV directed his minister of finance, Louis Phélypeaux, Comte de Pontchartrain, to commission Pierre LeMoyne, Sieur d'Iberville to locate the mouth of the Mississippi River and establish a colony to secure French claim to this land called Louisiana.

A garrison was built in the Biloxi region (1699) which served as the first capital, later moved to Mobile (1702), returned to Biloxi (1719) and then moved to New Orleans (1722) by Iberville's brother, Jean-Baptiste LeMoyne, Sieur de Bienville.

The first small settlements survived and prospered.

The early, exclusively male, settlers in the countryside were principally hunters and trappers, and there was little commercial activity except in hides and pelts which were transported by boat to New Orleans for shipping.

French Canadian immigrants followed the very first colonists, and they often took the comely Choctaw women as concubines and the young girls



HANCOCK HISTORY
by James Keating MD

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It is Time to Finish the Yazoo Pumps

In the wake of the historic flood of 1927, the United States Congress made the people of Mississippi a promise. After the water receded, the legislative branch took action to protect areas along the Mississippi River from future overflows, passing the Flood Control Act of 1928 and eventually authorizing the Yazoo Backwater Project.

These measures told area residents that, when future rains came, those living above a certain elevation would be protected.

Similar assurances were made to those living by the Mississippi River in other states. Louisiana and Arkansas received pumps to mitigate the damaging effects of flooding. But the promise still has not been kept for Mississippi, leaving the Delta vulnerable. This situation should not continue. It is time to finish the pumps.



From the Senate
by Roger Wicker
U.S. Senator

Fixing Past Mistakes

Progress has been made on aspects of flood control for the Yazoo Backwater Area in Mississippi, but the effort to install the pumps was stopped in 2008 by a veto from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This action – based on inaccurate claims about potential harms to the Delta's ecosystem – overrode the congressional authorization for the project. The

agency's veto left the region unable to move forward with a project that would save lives, property, and habitats. EPA also failed to offer realistic alternative solutions to address the flooding.

I am working with EPA to reverse its 2008 mistake and allow this effort to move forward. I am also pursuing legislative options, including a joint effort with Senator Hyde-Smith to introduce the Flood Reduction, Wildlife Habitat, and Water Quality Improvement Act of 2019. This bill would prohibit and nullify EPA vetoes of US Army Corps-approved flood control projects authorized by Congress, including the pumps for the Yazoo Backwater area.

The Pumps Would Save Lives and Money

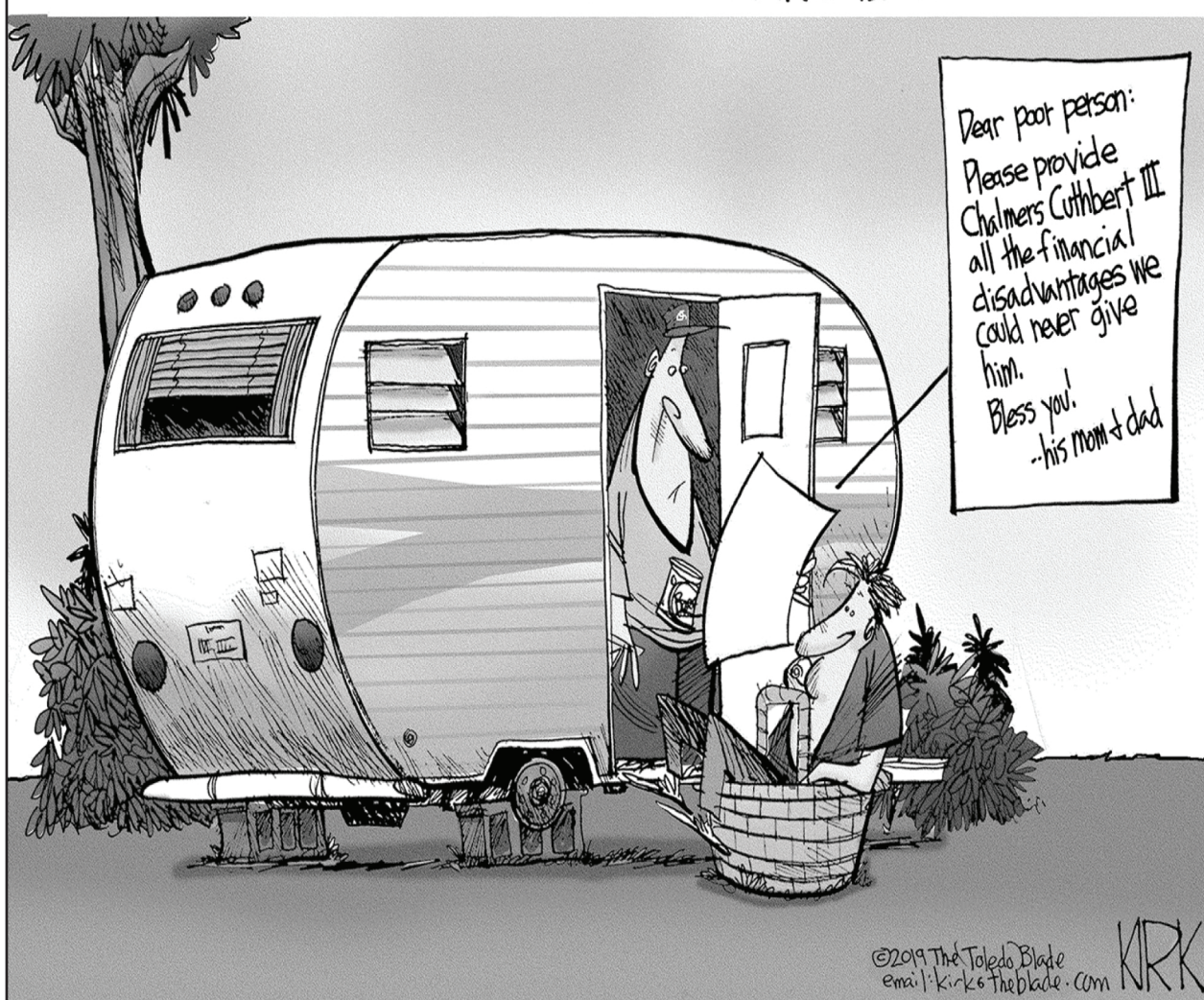
The need for these pumps has been demonstrated once again by his-

toric flooding, which has left local homes and businesses across half a million acres in the South Delta underwater for most of 2019. Farmers in one of the most fertile parts of our country are unable to plant crops, roads are underwater, deer and other wildlife are dying, and residents are forced to leave their houses behind. The fact that these repeated disasters could be prevented by the Yazoo Backwater Pumps adds to the outrage.

This July Senator Hyde-Smith, Congressman Guest, and I joined with Governor Bryant to request President Trump make a Major Disaster Declaration for the flooded parts of our state. The president answered our request, opening up federal support for some of those who need it. But the continued pres-

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ITEM: PARENTS ARE GIVING UP CUSTODY OF THEIR CHILDREN TO HELP GET NEED-BASED COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID.



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Thank you Hancock County

To the readers of the Sea Coast Echo:

Thank you for your overwhelming response to the series on homelessness in Hancock County. The heartfelt concern of so many exemplifies the extraordinary spirit of compassion in our area.

Please have patience and keep your enthusiasm level up as a team works

behind the scenes to develop a plan of action. We hope to hold a meeting in September to explain the plan, get your input, and determine the level of monetary and volunteer support available from the community.

Thank you again, and continue to keep the compassion and heart of Hancock County strong!

Pastor Mike Ramsey

LETTER to the EDITOR

OUR LETTERS POLICY

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers. Letters must be signed and include address or telephone number. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double-spaced. Only one letter per writer per month. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters. Letters of thanks, expressions of appreciation and political endorsements are inappropriate.

Working to correct the Coast's spillway issues

To the residents of the MS Gulf Coast,

This correspondence is to inform you of our pending testimony before the Mississippi River Commission on August 21, 2019, in Vicksburg, Mississippi, and to request your input.

In conjunction with General Joe Spraggins and the Department of Marine Resources, our presenta-

tion will include:

1) We will request a hydrology model for 2019 and the previous four (4) years for the operation of the Morganza Floodway to receive 10%, 20%, 30%, 40%, 50% or more of the outflow of the Bonnet Carré Spillway during flood stage as well as modeling other levels.

2) We will exclude from this initial modeling

the effects of any hurricanes which may occur in these years and environmental issues which would be covered in a subsequent environmental impact study.

3) We will emphasize the severe impact to the Mississippi Gulf Coast of current operations.

Should you have additional comments, information, requests, or other

data, please contact me by e-mail at information@sos.ms.gov by August 19, 2019.

While the Bonnet Carré Spillway is now closed, we must prepare alternatives for the future operation of these spillways or risk the continued devastation our One Coast suffered this year.

Secretary of State
Delbert Hosemann

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MDOT’s Southern District Transportation Commissioner Tom King on Wednesday presented the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commissioners with MDOT Multi-Modal grant awards for HCPHC. He attended HCPHC Board of Commissioner’s Recessed Commission Meeting. Pictured are Robert Kane, President, HCPHC Board of Commissioners, left; Tom King, MDOT Southern District Transportation Commissioner; and Bill Cork, HCPHC CEO.

History

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of the Natchez and Chickasaw tribes as slaves to do the cooking and housecleaning.

These men hunted and fished for food, dressed and groomed themselves in the fashion of Indians, and built homes of thatch and mud.

Early French inhabitants of this region had names such as Nicaise (Necaise), Dedeaux, Moran (Morin), Saucier, Ladner, Favre, and La Fontaine. Along the Mississippi River, plantations were worked by Negro slaves and raised rice, tobacco, and indigo.

Further, there was trade upriver with communities around the forts in the French Illinois region for their flour, pork, and beef. By 1722 there were approximately five thousand people (including two thousand Negro slaves) in these French settlements in the Mississippi River Valley (Louisiana). By 1744 there were sixty-two hundred colonists (including twenty-two hundred slaves).

Moreover, Florida and New Spain—later Texas—were Spanish Colonies, and during this period the French were frequently at war with the Natchez, Choctaw, and Chickasaw Indian tribes. For this reason barrier islands such as Cat Island were attractive to early settlers because of the diminished risk of attack by Indian war parties.

The English Period under the British Red Ensign flag started in 1763 and extended to 1783. With the defeat of France in the Seven Years War (French and Indian War), all of Louisiana east of the Mississippi River except the Ile d’Orleans was awarded to England in the Treaty of Paris, including the Mississippi Gulf Coast (See Map#2.) Spain took over the rest of Louisiana from France.

The Mississippi Gulf Coast was called the British Colony of West Florida, and East Florida was a separate colony. Pensacola was made the seat of provincial military government with another garrison manned in Mobile. England now had fifteen colonies in North America which included the peninsula and panhandle of Florida.

The map of that English Period demonstrates the division of the 15th colony into the Natchez District and the Mobile and Pensacola Divisions. The first English governor was naval Captain George Johnstone.

To encourage more settlement, large tracts of land of five thousand to ten thousand acres were

offered to soldiers and officers of the French and Indian War as compensation for back pay. Vast stretches of land were sold to settlers who would promise to develop the land.

Large numbers of Protestant immigrants came from the original increasingly rebellious thirteen English colonies. Considered “Tories” back home, these immigrants were good farmers, and they settled mostly in the Natchez district.

Tobacco and cotton were cultivated, and the Natchez district became a more prosperous farming region.

There were only about twelve hundred Europeans in the West Florida district in this period, not including New Orleans. During this time there were approximately twenty families on the east bank of the Pearl River in the area which later included the towns of Pearlinton, Logtown, and Gainesville.

Further east there were about ten families on the Bay of St. Louis. In the Mobile division the inhabitants were mostly fishermen and hunters who were French-speaking and direct descendants of the original settlers. The barren, pine covered, sandy soil of the Gulf Coast was not so attractive to farmers or plantation owners. In 1764 Christian Ladner registered his claim to Cat Island. Any travel along the coast was done by ship/boat since there were no roads or highways inland.

The Spanish Period of this history under the Lions and Castles Flag of Spain extended from 1780 to 1810. The American Revolutionary War ended with the Second Treaty of Paris of 1783 which recognized the independence of the original thirteen English colonies which became the United States. The fourteenth and fifteenth English colonies (East and West Florida) were given to Spain as well as the Feliciana parish in Louisiana. Spain moved quickly to recognize the property rights of those who would swear allegiance to the Spanish crown and the Catholic Church. Juan Cuevas, the son-in-law of Christian Ladner, acquired a confirmation of the family land grant for Cat Island from this Spanish government at this time. New grants were issued freely. A report in 1804 noted about forty-eight families “eking out an existence” on the Gulf Coast.

In 1800 Spain returned its Louisiana Colony to France with the secret Treaty of San Ildefonso. In 1803 Napoleon sold Louisiana to the United States. However, between 1805 and 1810 both the United States and Spain

claimed the Gulf Coast lands known previously as West Florida.

Such a territorial dispute led American settlers in the Baton Rouge area to hold a convention on September 23, 1810, and draw up a Declaration of Independence for a free and independent Republic of West Florida.

Nonetheless, most of the settlers on the western side of West Florida supported the Spanish government.

Still, this “country” existed for seventyfour days with its own original lone star flag, called the “Bonnie Blue Flag.”

Then, President James Madison issued a proclamation annexing the region west of the Perdido River, flowing between Mobile and Pensacola.

To follow up, Governor W.C.C. Claiborne of Louisiana sent Dr. William Flood in a gunboat on January 11, 1811, to Simon Favre’s farm on the east bank of the Pearl River. An American flag was raised, and Favre was appointed justice of the peace.

That same day Flood raised the Star Spangled Banner at Shieldsboro (Bay St. Louis) and Pass Christian. Flood estimated the number of inhabitants so affected on the Gulf Coast to be 750 people.

The coastal region was then known as the county of Mobile in the Mississippi Territory.

Spain ceded Florida to the United States in 1819. Ultimately, the original Hancock County was subdivided into present day Hancock, Harrison, Stone, and part of Pearl River counties.

In conclusion, the eighteenth century witnessed three distinct periods during the European colonization of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. After the transfer of ownership from France to England and then to Spain, the Gulf Coast was finally annexed as part of the Mississippi Territory by the young United States.

Small settlements survived and prospered over the eighteenth century, but the population along the Gulf Coast was still sparse.

The lifestyle of these early settlers was terribly hard, and their farms were subsistence at best. Yet, the seeds of future economic and political success had been planted.

We are indeed indebted to our European, Native American, and Afro-American ancestors for their contributions to this important transformative period of our local history.

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Wicker

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ence of floodwaters in several counties has prevented local and state officials from conducting damage assessments, delaying much-needed resources for the most affected areas.

Federal and local support has somewhat eased the burden in the Delta, and I hope those in the remaining counties will soon

Hancock Co. Historical Society to host ‘Cocktails & Canapés’

The Hancock County Historical Society will host “Cocktails & Canapés” from 4-7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 27, at the Kate Lobrano House, 108 Cue St., Bay St. Louis. “Coastal Dress” attire. \$25 donation per guest. For more information or to RSVP, please call 228-467-4090.

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receive the relief they deserve. But these are stop-gap measures. The pumps would be a permanent solution. Funds to repair damage from repeated disasters would be saved if they were installed, more than offsetting the costs of installing the new flood control system. Most importantly, it would provide certainty and safety to

those living in affected areas.

Thousands of Mississippians have made their homes, businesses, and lives in the Delta. They are not asking for special treatment. I am working with my colleagues in Congress and in the executive branch to keep the promise made to them so many years ago.

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE CIRCUIT CLERK’S OFFICE WILL BE OPEN FOR ABSENTEE VOTING FOR THE AUGUST 27th PRIMARY ELECTION ON SATURDAY, August 17th AND AUGUST 24th FROM 8AM TO 12PM. THE DEADLINE TO VOTE ABSENTEE WILL BE SATURDAY, AUGUST 24th AT 12 NOON . THE OFFICE WILL BE OPEN MONDAY – FRIDAY 8AM – 5PM FOR ABSENTEE VOTING.

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**KAREN LADNER RUHR
HANCOCK COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK**

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX LEVIES FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR FOR THE CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD MISSISSIPPI

The City of Diamondhead will hold a public hearing on its proposed budget and proposed tax levies for Fiscal Year 2020 on August 20, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at 5000 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead, MS 39525.

The City of Diamondhead is now operating with projected total budget revenue of \$7,015,811 of which (45 percent) or \$3,148,581 is obtained through ad valorem taxes. For the next fiscal year, the proposed budget has total projected revenue of \$6,787,493, of that amount, (48 percent) or \$3,269,500 is proposed to be financed through a total ad valorem tax levy.

The decision to not increase the ad valorem tax millage rate for Fiscal Year 2020 above the current fiscal year’s ad valorem tax millage rate means you will not pay more in ad valorem taxes on your home, automobile tag, utilities, business fixtures and equipment and rental real property, unless the assessed value of your property has increased in 2019.

Any citizen of the City of Diamondhead is invited to attend this public hearing and City Council meeting on the proposed budget and tax levies for Fiscal Year 2020 and will be allowed to speak for a reasonable amount of time and offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken.

A millage rate of 34.00 will produce the same amount of revenue from ad valorem taxes as was collected for FY19. The millage rate for FY19 was 34.00.

Jeannie Klein
City Clerk

Obituaries

FREDERICK LAWRENCE LINCOLN, JR.



FREDERICK LAWRENCE LINCOLN, JR.

Frederick Lawrence Lincoln, Jr., 67, of Bay St. Louis, MS passed away Thursday, August 15, 2019 in Bay St. Louis, MS. He was a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church and a long time resident of Bay St. Louis. He was a member of the

American Quarter Horse Association and various hunting clubs. He loved fishing, hunting, horse back riding, motorcycle riding but most of all spending time with his family. He was a wonderful and loving husband, father, grandfather, son, brother and uncle who will be sadly missed by his family and friends. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Kimberly A. Lincoln and father, Frederick L. Lincoln, Sr. He is survived by his loving wife, Trudy Roussel Lincoln of Bay St. Louis; son, Blake M. Lincoln of Bay St. Louis; daughter, Shelly R. Loftin and her husband Greg of Bay St. Louis; mother, Olive Shows Lincoln of Lacombe, LA; two brothers, Joseph G. Lincoln and

his wife Cathy of Slidell, LA and Gerard S. Lincoln and his wife Cynthia of Lacombe, LA; sister, Mary A. Mattem of Eldorado, AR; five grandchildren, Lindsey Loftin and her fiancé' Brennen Morreale, Ethan Loftin, Zach Loftin, Emily Loftin and Abby Loftin; five nieces, Lori, Liz, Jen, Melody and Abby and six nephews, Justin, David, Clayton, Gerald, Jay and Caleb. Visitation will be held Monday, August 19, 2019 at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. with a Memorial Service at 1:00 p.m. Interment to follow at Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Bay St. Louis, MS. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Election

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McKnight, of Gulfport. There was no Democratic candidate for the position, so Moran essentially won re-election. There will be no Democratic run-off. The clerk's office is now focusing its attention on the Republican run-off races.

Run-offs
• Candidates for Hancock County Circuit

Clerk Kendra "KK" Ladner Necaise and Tammy Garber will square off again on Aug. 7. In official totals, Necaise earned 2,912 votes to Garber's 1,957.
• Incumbent Coroner Jim Faulk will also head to a run-off against Jeff Hair. In official totals, Faulk earned 4,337 votes to Hair's 2,892.
• For the Constable Place 3 post, Paul Taylor and Albert Biehl will meet in the Aug. 27 run-off. In official primary totals, Biehl earned 822 votes; Taylor earned 861.

• Justice Court Judge 2 J.A. "Jay" Lagasse, III, will head to the run-off against challenger Brian S. Necaise. In official balloting, Lagasse earned 1,306 votes in the primary to Necaise's 1,316.
• In the Justice Court Judge 3 race, Eric Moran and Roger Estopinal will meet again in the run-off. Official primary results show Moran with 1,014 votes and Estopinal with 418.
The run-off election is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 27. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

CASA

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Police Department, Chauvin said. "I think for us, we work well with the police department and sheriff's office in the county," Chauvin said, "but a lot of times, the front-line folks,

the officers and investigators, we don't see them every day. ... It gave us an opportunity to meet with them in a positive way." CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate program) of Hancock County recruits, trains and supports volunteers who advocate for children who have been abused or neglected to ensure that their best interests are preserved in court and in the community.

CASA's next training class starts on Sept. 19. If you'd be interested in attending an informational meeting, call 228-344-0419 or go to www.casa-hancockcounty.org. Donations to CASA of Hancock County are tax deductible and may be sent to P.O. Box 4112, Bay St. Louis, MS 39521.

Securing highway safety one truck load at a time

At first instinct, many begin fastening seatbelts for their children and themselves, but what about the loads in the back of their pickup trucks? As college students across the state prepare for the 2019 Fall semester, the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) reminds motorists of the dangers that stem from debris falling from vehicles. "Load-securing should be a standard practice of Mississippi motorists," said Melinda McGrath, P.E., MDOT Executive Director. "Debris from

unsecured loads not only becomes a road hazard for other motorists, but contributes to 40 percent of roadside litter. It is also illegal." According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), in 2016 there were 683 deaths, 19,663 injuries and 90,266 incidents related to unsecured loads. In addition to the safety hazards, debris from unsecured loads contributes to roadside litter which costs over \$3 million a year to remove. Motorists responsible for debris from unsecured

loads could face fines up to \$500 and up to six months in prison. Mississippi motorists can help keep others safe and avoid legal troubles by:
1. Tying down the load with rope, netting or straps.
2. Tying large objects directly to the vehicle or trailer.
3. Covering the entire load with a sturdy tarp.
4. Not overloading the vehicle.
5. Always double checking the load to make sure it is secure.
6. Using safety chains when hauling trailers.

Veteran and Military Spouse Job Fair 8/22 at Mercedes-Benz Superdome

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DAV and RecruitMilitary will host the New Orleans Veterans Job Fair on Thursday, August 22nd from 11am to 3pm at Mercedes-Benz Superdome. This free event for veterans, military spouses, transitioning military, National Guard members and Reservists features employers ready to hire. In addition to providing career opportunities for veterans, RecruitMilitary is also focusing efforts on the

more than 600,000 military spouses in the United States who are unemployed and/or underemployed in their professional careers. The company is actively working to help address the exorbitantly high unemployment rate of military spouses - nearly 25% - a rate more than six times the national average. This is the highest unemployment rate of any singular group in the U.S. Through its partnership with Google, a new job search tool is now available to assist military spouse and military trained

talent to explore 8,000 remote work options in the RecruitMilitary database of more than 250,000 jobs. With more than 140 veteran and military spouse job fairs this year, RecruitMilitary offers veterans and military spouses the most opportunities of any organization to help facilitate their future career goals.

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Schools

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cient and advanced in the state. HCSD achieved a 97% overall pass rate of the 3rd grade reading gateway assessment after retests and exemptions were taken into consideration. "As a district, HCSD set a goal last year that each school would increase both their ELA proficiency and their Math proficiency by 10 percentage points from the prior school year. Many of the district's schools met this goal with three schools increasing their ELA proficiency by at least 10 percentage points, and 5 schools increasing their Math proficiency by at least 10 percentage points. "We are so proud of the gains we have made and we are proud of our students, teachers, and staff. Our district is committed to giving our students the best education we can. Although we have many achievements to celebrate, we will continue to analyze the data to determine areas that need improvement so that we can set new goals and make plans for improvement in those areas."

Overall, the Hancock County School District increased approximately 7 points in ELA and 16 points in Math. "I would like to commend our Pirate learners, teachers and leaders on a job well done!" Pass Christian Superintendent Dr. Carla Evers said Friday. "Their commitment to excellence continues to shine through each year at this time. We could not do what we do if it were not for the unwavering support of our families and community." In the Bay-Waveland School District, approximately 47 percent of third-graders performed at a proficient or advanced level on the English Language Arts (ELA) test, which is also called the "Reading Gate." That's a sharp increase over scores from the year before, and more than five percentage points over the state-wide average. When MAAP was first administered in 2015-16, one-third of students met or exceeded grade-level expectations in ELA and mathematics. In 2018-19, nearly half of students statewide met or exceeded expectations in each subject. ELA achievement has increased from 33.6 percent to 41.6 percent of students scoring proficient or advanced.

Students scoring proficient or advanced in mathematics has jumped from 33 percent to 47 percent. "I am super pleased with the test score gains BWSA accomplished in only one year," Bay-Waveland Superintendent Dr. Sandra Reed said in a statement on Friday. "Our staff and students have worked extremely hard and the payoff shows. While we still have work to do, we are on the right track and I couldn't be more proud of our entire community." "Statewide assessments ensure that children in every school are achieving the learning goals for each grade level," Dr. Carey Wright, state superintendent of education, said in a press release issued Thursday. "When students score proficient or advanced, parents can be assured their child's school is providing a quality education that has prepared students to be successful in the next grade. "Mississippi students are outpacing the nation in learning gains thanks to their hard work and the hard work of teachers, school staff, school leaders, and parents," Wright said. "Education in Mississippi is part of our state's success story."

Forensics

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If I have a murder or something, I have to send it to a private lab, which gets very, very expensive. "If you send it to the state and it takes two or three years to process something, you're talking about some pretty sensitive cases that get lost, just because you've violated (the suspect's) right to a speedy trial." The grand jury also recommended last week that local governments review and evaluate law enforcement salaries and allocate funds to ensure pay is more attractive and competitive with other law enforcement agencies in the state and region. The grand jury also recommended local law enforcement officers continue receiving education in investigative techniques and evidentiary training, including training in computer forensics and cell phone exploitation. A new panel is selected for the Hancock County Grand Jury twice a year, meeting as often as necessary over roughly a six-month period to consider criminal prosecutions and other matters required by law. The grand jury is the last stage in a criminal investigation. A total of 20 grand jurors is empaneled for each term. Grand juries determine whether cases

from local law enforcement agencies should be indicted, returned to officers for further investigation or dismissed. They also make recommendations on improving a number of different other matters in the county. The February 2019 Grand Jury last week issued 94 True Bills -- meaning 94 cases would be

indicted; 21 No Bills -- meaning 21 cases would not be indicted; passed four cases on to the next grand jury; and returned 31 cases back to law enforcement. During its tenure, the grand jury toured the Hancock County Adult Detention Center; Hancock County Justice Court; and Hancock County Youth Court.

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OLA beats Hancock in 4 games, Bay drops 2

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
STAFF WRITER

The Our Lady Academy Crescents won two matches this past week against Hancock on Thursday and Long Beach on Friday.

The Crescents (5-1) dropped the first game against Hancock 18-25 as the Lady Hawks were able to control where the ball went with Reagan Huff throwing down several kills and Peyton Russell extendinghugh above the bet to control shots all among a very loud and raucous crowd that filled the gym.

In the second and third games, the Crescents gathered themselves and took control of the ball to claim wins of 25-11 and 25-15.

In the fourth game, the Crescents started the set playing very much the same way that cost them the first game. However, down 16-6 with Hancock in firm control of the game, the light switch was turned on and the Crescents roared back to claim a 25-19 victory and the match.

OLA head coach Mike Meyers commented, "This was a great win against a good Hancock team. We started slowly in the first set and had trouble con-

trolling the ball which did not allow us to score. We played well in sets two and three. We started the fourth set not controlling the ball. However, at 17-8, we began to control the ball and made some great defensive saves. I thought the team showed character to come from behind in a loud and raucous gymnasium. The atmosphere this evening was a good thing for volleyball in our state, and especially, locally."

In the match, OLA was paced by Rebecca Walk with 34 kills, 10 blocks and nine digs followed by Ashley Bulot with 11 points and 18 assists. Camille Cottone added 18

points, 12 digs and nine kills while Alma Hearin had 10 points and 14 digs. Chloe Cornell tallied eight kills and four digs and Kate Funk had 27 assists. Faith Anderson contributed four blocks.

Hancock head coach Lynsie Gayden stated, "We are on a roller coaster right now looking for the right combinations.

"We are very close to a break through. The potential for this team is there waiting to be opened. In the match tonight, we found out that our go-to hitter is Reagan Huff and Peyton Russell has the potential to be an effective inside player."

Hancock (3-4) was led by Huff with 14 kills followed by Russell with four solo blocks, Kacey Lear with six aces and Ashley Corey with 16 digs.

OLA defeated Long Beach on Tuesday 25-14, 25-13 and 25-12. Walk had 27 kills and two blocks followed by Bulot with 14 points and 18 assists, Cottone with 10 points, Hearin with 10 points and 12 digs, Cornell with six kills and eight digs and Funk with five points and 13 assists.

Hancock defeated East Central on Tuesday but game details were not available.

The Bay High Lady

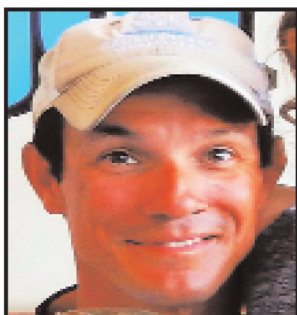
Tigers (0-2) dropped their Tuesday game with Gulfport 13-25, 17-25 and 14-25. They also lost their Thursday match with West Harrison but scores were not available.

In the Gulfport game, Blakeleigh Lumpkin had eight kills and Lizzie Weems had six. Against West Harrison, Weems collected eight kills while Madison Godbold had seven aces and six kills and Gabby Hernandez had eight aces and two kills.

Pass Christian (1-1) split this past week beating Stone 25-0, 25-0 and 25-0 and falling to Biloxi 25-19, 15-25, 11-25 and 5-25.

See you at the games!

Headin' West for good fishing



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FISHING REPORT

by Capt. Sonny Schindler

The last few days have been absolutely stellar fishing. Our boats have steadily fishing further west. The salinity has gone through the roof. Now the real fun begins.

Our boats will begin



heading to the western side of the LA Marsh. We have already gotten reports that the 3-mile area is holding trout.

I was fishing a little to the west earlier this week.

Happy to report, the water was salty and full of bait, even caught a few trout, reds and flounder. Hopefully things will be great to the west for a very long time.

It's been months since we have seen or even heard of fish in the western Mississippi Sound. We are very thankful for the arrival of the saltwater and fish. Let the fun begin!!!

Volleyball Player of the Week



REBECCA WALK -
OUR LADY
ACADEMY

The 6'2" middle hitter and South Alabama commit helped the Crescents to two victories this past week over Long Beach and Hancock. Against Long Beach, Walk tallied 27 kills and two blocks. In the win against Hancock, Walk led the Crescents with 34 kills, 10 blocks and nine digs. The Crescents are now 5-1 overall.



SATURDAY

Volleyball: Pass Christian Tournament
(Pass Christian, Bay High), TBD

TUESDAY

Volleyball: Bay High vs Long Beach, 6:30 p.m.
Volleyball: Pass Christian vs Harrison Central, 6:30 p.m.
Volleyball: Our Lady Academy vs Petal, 6:30 p.m.

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Gulf Yachting Association Women Sailors compete for prestigious Knost Trophy

BY JAMES KEATING MD
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Pass Christian Yacht Club (PCYC) hosted its annual Bernard L. Knost All Ladies Championship Regatta August 10 – 11. Six Gulf Yachting Association (GYA) yacht clubs competed in the Viper 640 race series. Each club entered one Viper 640 sailboat in each of five races.

The Buccaneer Yacht Club (BYC) won first place in the competition for the Commodore Bernard L. Knost Trophy and Banner with a total score of 7 points. Second place was Southern Yacht Club (SYC) with a total score of 9 points.

The Bay Waveland Yacht Club (BWYC) placed third with a score of 15 points.

In 1984 an additional Handicap Class was added to the Knost Regatta open to individual women skip-pers in larger sailboats, often with mixed crews from several yacht clubs. The Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) Competition was captured this year by the Melges 24 sailboat, Turn It Up, with scores of 2 – 1. Skipper Julie Charbonnet (PCYC) won the Drury Dragon Schneider Trophy. Her crew consisted of Patty Keating (BWYC), Claire Adams (SYC), Patrick Adams (SYC), and Michael Charbonnet (PCYC).

Bernard Knost and his sister, Jeanne Knost, conceived and organized this sailing event in 1938, which was the first female regatta recognized outside of the Eastern Seaboard by the North American Yacht Racing Union (now known as US Sailing Association). Knost lived in Pass Christian and wanted a regatta for his sister’s children and other female relatives. The Knost Regatta remains today as one of last female regattas in the United States. From 1938



BWYC sailing team (from left): GYA Commodore Shan L. Kirk, Skipper Martha Heausier, Mary Ellen Edwards, Alternate Skipper Ella Lansford, Team Captain Anne Edwards, Addy Altese, Kate Lansford, PCYC Commodore Frank C. Allen III, Skipper Susan Danielson-Allen, Skipper Sarah Taylor Fanberg.

to 1967 the Knost Regatta sailed Fish Boats. In 1968 the GYA voted to replace the Fish Boat with the Flying Scot. In 2015 the GYA voted to replace the Flying Scot with the Viper 640.

The Viper 640 has proven to be a tough sailboat for both male and female sailors to master. A recurrent problem has been the management of its sailing platform and its asymmetric design spinnaker

sail.

The Viper 640 is a more difficult sport boat to manage than the Flying Scot and the teams that train and practice benefit in racing competition. Nevertheless next month North American Champions Marcus and Andrew Eagan, Jackson Benvenuti (BWYC) and the John Dane team (PCYC) will compete in Long Beach, California at the World Viper 640 Competition.

There are no better sailors. May all our sailors fair winds and following mariners than American on the Gulf Coast enjoy seas.



PHRF Competition Winner (From left): GYA Commodore Shan L. Kirk, Patrick Adams, Patty Keating, Claire Adams, Skipper Julie Charbonnet, Michael Charbonnet, PCYC Commodore Frank C. Allen III.

Ground Zero Museum to host Katrina prayer service



Waveland’s Ground Zero Hurricane Museum is hosting an Open House and Prayer Service on the 14th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina beginning at 10 a.m. Remembering those lost and expressing appreciation to first responders and acknowledging our resilience.

Following the service, the museum will preview its newest exhibit, When and Water Speak - the Voices of Katrina. Join us for coffee, donuts, and a museum tour. For more information, contact Linda Aiavolasiti at 228-467-9012 or linda@wavelandgroundzero.com.

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New school year begins for Bay-Waveland students



Photo courtesy of BWSD

The first day of school at Bay High School.

SEA COAST ECHO

The 2019-2020 school year began Aug. 7 for students of the Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District.

Superintendent Sandra Reed greeted faculty and staff at orientation Aug. 1 and presented service awards to employees.

Principals at the schools were also introduced. Crystal Anderson joins the Bay-Waveland School District as principal of North Bay Elementary. She was previously assistant principal at West W o r t h a m Elementary/Middle School in the Harrison County School District.

Jeremy Weir, the former principal at North Bay, is now principal of Bay-Waveland Middle School. Jenny Seymour, formerly the principal at Bay-Waveland Middle School, is the new principal at Waveland Elementary School.

Dr. Amy Coyne has been principal at Bay High for six and a half years.

Assistant principals at

Bay High are Steven Engle and Shirley Prendergast. Tenneille Lamberth is assistant principal at Bay-Waveland Middle School and Brad Ladner is assistant principal at North Bay Elementary.

In preparation for the new year, all Bay-Waveland schools hosted an open house and orientation for parents and students.

At Waveland Elementary, each kindergarten student received a backpack filled with school supplies provided by Keesler Federal Credit Union's Backpacks for Students program.

Principal Jenny Seymour said, "This year's Meet and Greet was a

great way to start our new school year off as a strong school community. This year we are working on building partnerships to better support our students. There's not a better way to begin that relationship than to meet one another during this exciting time of the year. "



Photo courtesy of BWSD

The first day of school at Waveland Elementary.



Photo courtesy of BWSD

The first day of school at Bay Middle School.



Photo courtesy of BWSD

Bay-Waveland School District Orientation.



Photo courtesy of BWSD

The first day of school at Bay High.

PRCC Hancock Center recognized as a Chamber's Business of the Year

BY ALEX KENNEDY,
PRCC
COMMUNICATION
SPECIALIST

Pearl River Community College Hancock Center was recognized as one of Hancock County's 2019 Businesses of the Year at the Annual Salute to Business & Industry Awards Gala, Thursday, August 8th.

"The recognition by the Hancock Chamber of Commerce as the 2019 Waveland Business of the Year is a testament to the dedicated work of the PRCC Hancock Center Team," said Raymunda Barnes, Assistant Vice President of the Hancock Center.

Since 2005, the Pearl River Community College Hancock Center has been providing students with an opportunity to receive a quality education by preparing them to complete a degree or certificate program. The Hancock Center also provides workforce training programs required by local businesses, industries, educational and public service agencies. PRCC's continued dedication to the success of



Raymunda Barnes, PRCC Hancock Center Assistant Vice President speaks at the Annual Salute to Business & Industry Awards Gala.

their students allows for bright futures to be created within the walls of the institution and out in the community. This year, the Hancock Center will break ground on the Hancock Aviation Aerospace Workforce near Stennis International Airport to meet industry demands while increasing workforce development in Hancock County.

"It is very rewarding to be part of a team that is making a difference in the communities we live in. Every day I get the joy of meeting new people and sharing the vision of Pearl River Community College

for today and in the future," said Angie Kothmann, Pearl River's Director of Government & Community Relations.

Raymunda Barnes also reiterated the importance of the impact The Hancock Center has on the local community.

"On any given day, members of the Hancock Center Team can be found on campus and in the community making a difference in the lives of Hancock County residents," said Barnes. "From contributing to the Hancock County Food Pantry through student can food drives to participating



From left, Dr. Adam Breerwood, PRCC President; Mike Smith, Mayor of Waveland; Alan Dedeaux, Hancock County Superintendent of Education.

in Pearl River's Library Trunk or Treat event, from active participation in county-wide Hancock Chamber events (Teacher Appreciation and High School Senior Breakfast) to participation in local Boy Scout Troop activities and CASA initiatives, this team continues to contribute to the community and is very much appreciative of the recognition."

PRCC will continue to be an ever present staple in

the Hancock County community and a resource for the local industry.

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Grief Support Group Fall session

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ings of loss, and also coping skills to better deal with them. It will also provide a safe and caring support group and an opportunity to share our own personal memories and issues.

The goal of these groups is provide our community with a support vehicle to deal with the difficulties and emotional turbulence that follows the death of a loved one. Grief is a normal human process that all people experience in the course of life. The healthiest healing involves a process of working through the pain. We grieve most effectively when we find ourselves with others who understand and are willing to hear our pain. The

groups will provide a safe, confidential place to share individual memories, thoughts, and experience and begin the process of moving into the next phase of your life.

The Grief Support Group will last for six weeks and be held at St Thomas Church at 5303 Diamondhead Circle, across from the Diamondhead Community Center. The meetings will start at 6:30 P.M. on September 10. If you have any questions or wish to sign up please call Estelle at 228-234-2651, Cornelia at 228-363-2211, or St. Thomas Church at 255-9213.

Extension connects producers to mental health resources

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Valley Park, Miss. -- Between her job and her home, Tracey Porter has not had a break from dealing with flooding in the last six months.

Porter is the deputy director of the Warren County Emergency Management Agency, and her husband, Rodney, farms in the southern Mississippi Delta. Excessive rain last winter and spring kept 250,000 acres of farmland out of production this year. During the time when he would normally prepare for planting season, Rodney Porter was building sandbag levees to protect flood waters from invading their home. She helped him when she was not on the clock assisting other affected people in her community.

"We've been dealing with a lot of physical and mental stress for the last few months. With me working, I never get to get away from it. I go home to it and go to work with it," Tracey Porter said. "Rodney is still getting paid right now because the producer he works for was able to pay his men for the rest of the year, but we don't know what next year will bring."

That uncertainty is one example of the many uncontrollable variables

producers face each year.

There are many sources of stress, depression and mental health challenges in agriculture: market fluctuation, tariffs, trade wars, equipment, animal crop conditions and fear of losing the farm. These conditions are taxing not only on farmers, but also on their families.

In a poll recently conducted by the American Farm Bureau Federation, three in four rural adults expressed a need to reduce the stigma associated with mental health in the agricultural community. The Mississippi State University Extension Service recently received a \$310,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and a \$1.1 million grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration with the goal of addressing this need.

While this initiative is known as "Preventing Opioid Misuse in the South East," or PROMISE, Extension health specialist David Buys said there is more to the program than drug abuse prevention.

"There is a stigma around seeking help for mental health challenges, but that's just one of several reasons why some producers skip getting the help they need," Buys said. "Seeking help means being away from the farm. They don't have time to get any intensive help, especially during planting and harvest



Photo by MSU Extension Service/Kevin Hudson
Mississippi River flooding kept this Sharkey County row crop field in the Yazoo Backwater Area out of production this year.

seasons. Those are understandable challenges producers face as it relates to getting help for any health-related issue."

More than 100 Extension agents have received Mental Health First Aid training to help farmers manage these stressful situations.

"Mental Health First Aid training helps our agents recognize signs of distress and the challenges that people in the field may be facing, so they can help connect people to appropriate forms of care," Buys said. "I am proud that we have support for mental health first aid and made this a mandatory part of our Extension agents'

training."

He added that it is important for producers affected by any mental health challenges to find a way to address them before their job performance or relationships suffer or they look toward remedies that can lead to addiction.

"You have to be well both physically and mentally to have healthy crops and a healthy economic return on your investment," Buys said. "Our Extension agents report that they are better able to recognize signs of challenges facing the producers we serve and more aware of how to connect them to appropriate help."

Thank you!
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THE FIG REALLY IS A FABULOUS FRUIT

BY LINDA BIGLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

What does a person do when their fig tree produces an abundance of fruit? The first thing that comes to mind is to get busy making some fig preserves. While that is a common use for the fig, there other options which can be tried.

Unfortunately, fresh figs do not have a long life after removed from the tree. The good news is that they can be dried if you have a dehydrator. A food dehydrator can be a beneficial investment.

You can dehydrate fruit, vegetables, and make your own beef and turkey jerky with this appliance. The cost can be as low as \$35.00 for a no-frills model, all the way up to one or two hundred dollars for a machine with bells and whistles galore. I possess one of the no-frills ones and it has served me well for several years. The

only things that needed replacement were the screens on which the food is dried.

Fresh figs be cut in half lengthwise, drizzled with a little honey, placed under the broiler for about three minutes, and then served as a first course or appetizer. They can also be stuffed with Mascarpone cheese and wrapped in thin slices of prosciutto. Another quick and easy way to serve fresh figs is to cut them in half, stuff with goat cheese, and sprinkle with toasted chopped pecans.

So much for the quick and easy suggestions on how to prepare figs. It is time to get down to the recipes that require measuring.

The first recipe is for fig jam made with flavored gelatin. I know this sounds strange, but my mother used to make it, and everyone raved about it.

FIG JAM

3 cups mashed, ripe figs
2 cups sugar

1 (3 ounce) box lemon flavored gelatin
1 (3 ounce) box orange or cherry flavored gelatin
One half cup water
5 (8 ounce) canning jars with rings and lids, sterilized

Combine all ingredients in a large nonreactive pot. Stir over high heat until mixture comes to a rapid boil. Lower heat to medium and let cook about 20 minutes or until mixture thickens. Stir occasionally to prevent sticking to the bottom of the pot. Carefully ladle the figs into the hot, sterilized jars and immediately seal with lids and rings. Place on a cooling rack, when cool tighten the lids and refrigerate. Will keep about two months.

Makes 5 half pint jars

The next recipe is for a fig sauce that can be served warm over ice cream, pan cakes, or waffles.

Fig Sauce

1- and one-half pounds of fresh figs, peeled
Two third cup of sugar

1 cup water
1 tablespoon butter
1 tablespoon cornstarch
3 tablespoons lemon juice
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

In a medium nonreactive saucepan, combine figs, sugar, water, and butter. Bring to a boil over high heat, lower to a simmer and cook for about 10 minutes. In a small bowl, combine the cornstarch and lemon juice until smooth. Stir into the hot fig mixture and cook, stirring constantly, until the mixture thickens. Remove from heat and stir in the vanilla. Serve warm. Can be refrigerated and rewarmed when needed.

Males about 3 cups

This next recipe is for a fig cake that does not require an electric mixer because overmixing the batter could make the cake tough.

FIG CAKE

2 cups unbleached all-purpose flour

1 and one half cup sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon ground cloves
1 teaspoon freshly ground nutmeg
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
3 large eggs
1 cup vegetable oil
1 cup buttermilk
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 cup ripe, chopped, peeled fresh figs
1 cup chopped toasted pecans

Preheat the oven to 325. Grease and flour a 9x13 inch pan and line the bottom with parchment paper. Combine the dry ingredients (not the pecans) in a large bowl. In another bowl stir the eggs, oil, buttermilk, and vanilla until combined and pour over the dry ingredients. Stir until blended, fold in the figs and pecans.

Bake in the prepared pan for approximately 35 minutes or until a cake tester placed in the center

of the cake comes out clean.

Cool on a wire rack. Top with orange cream cheese frosting. There is no need to remove the cake from the pan.

ORANGE CREAM CHEESE FROSTING:

1 (8 ounce) package of cream cheese, softened
1 stick butter, softened
finely grated peel of one orange, no white pith
2 tablespoons fresh orange juice
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

3 cups powdered sugar
Beat together the cream cheese and butter until completely combined. Beat in the orange zest, juice, and vanilla extract. With the mixer running, slowly add the sugar and continue beating until completely combined. Spread over the top of the cake.

Serves 12 to 16

Enjoy the recipes and until next time, happy cooking.

The Community CALENDAR



AUGUST 18

• Penny Crawford, local Diamondhead artist, will show her work this Sunday afternoon, August 18, at St. Thomas Episcopal Church from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m. Please join us as we celebrate this talented artist!!!!

AUGUST 20

• WW — formerly known as Weight Watchers — will meet Tuesdays at the Hancock County Resource Center, located at 454 Hwy. 90, Waveland, led by Wellness Coach Anne Hale and team. Weigh-in (wellness check-in) at 5 p.m. and the Workshop begins at 5:30 p.m. Invite a friend.

AUGUST 21

• Infants are dying at a higher rate in Mississippi than anywhere else in the US. All of us want the best for our community, but many social challenges that face South Mississippi affect us all in one way or another — whether it is child abuse or neglect, domestic violence, life-controlling addictions, the high rate of high-school drop outs, increasing poverty, etc.- when one is affected, we are all affected.

The Fetal and Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) program is an action-oriented community process that continually assesses, monitors, and works to improve service systems and community resources for women, infants and families. We invite the Community Groups on the Gulf Coast as well as interested medical personnel to participate in improving the issues impacting poor birth outcomes. These include psycho-social issues such as prenatal care adequacy, maternal use of illegal substances, domestic violence, tobacco use, poverty, infant safety, transportation, birth spacing, family planning, education, employment, obesity, breast feeding, unsafe sleep practices, child abuse & neglect, sexually transmitted diseases, mental health support and the general health of women & their families. The event is scheduled for Wednesday, August 21, 2019 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the Dr. Eldon Langston Bolton State Office Building, located at 1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi.

AUGUST 26

• The Pass Christian Historical Society will hold its monthly luncheon on Monday, August 26th at 12 pm. Architect and photographer Cynthia Easterling

will present a slide show with commentary documenting Pass Christian (particularly Scenic Drive) both before and after Hurricane Katrina. The Historical Society is located at 201 East Scenic Drive in Pass Christian. Lunch starts at noon. Cost for lunch is \$10 for members and \$12 for non members. Call 228-452-7254 or email president@passhistory.org to make reservations. Everyone is welcome to attend this luncheon. All proceeds benefit the Pass Christian Historical Society.

AUGUST 28

• Hancock County Veteran Resource Fair is scheduled for Wed., Aug. 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hancock County Government Annex, located at 854 Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis. Community resources available on site from Hancock Resource Center, Coastal Family Health, Vet Center, Hancock County Veteran Services Officer, American Legion Post 139, and Gulfport WIN Job Center.

AUGUST 29

• Waveland's Ground Zero Hurricane Museum is hosting and Open House and Prayer Service on the 14th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina beginning at 10 a.m. Remembering those lost and expressing appreciation to first responders and acknowledging our resilience. Following the service, the museum will preview its newest exhibit, When and Water Speak - the Voices of Katrina. Join us for coffee, donuts, and a museum tour. For more information, contact Linda Aiavolasiti at 228-467-9012 or linda@waveland-groundzero.com. The museum is located at 335 Coleman Ave.

AUGUST 30

• Booker Fest is scheduled for Friday, Aug. 30 at 8 p.m. and Sat. Aug. 31 from 10 a.m. until midnight. It's the first fundraiser for the 100 Men D.B.A. Maharajah Screenings, St. Rose de Lima Gospel Choir, Piano tribute by Tom McDermott and Josh Paxton, Alexey Marti Quartet. Tickets are \$25 in advance/\$30 at door - entry to all events. \$75 primitive camping - includes entry for 2 at all events. Food for purchase by Chef Chris Hayes of The Smoking Oyster. For more information contact, 415-336-9543

or visit www.the100men-hall.com.

AUGUST 31

• Louie's Final Haircut for the Muscular Dystrophy Association is scheduled for Aug. 31 at C&R's Bar and Grill, located at 312 Coleman Ave., Waveland from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Louis will complete his 40th haircut and fundraiser for MDA. \$10 BBQ plates, auction and raffle.

SEPTEMBER 10

• The Hancock/Harrison County Forestry & Wildlife Association will host a meeting on the new pellet plant coming to George county. The meeting will be held on September 10, 2019 at the Lyman Community Center located at 13742 Hwy 49 N in Gulfport. Enviva, Inc., headquartered in Bethesda, MD, will build what will be the largest pellet plant in the world in Lucedale, producing 1.4 million oven dry tons of pellets when at full capacity. To provide details on Enviva's plans for the pellet mill, Mr. Rick Frederick, Community Relations Manager for Enviva's Gulf Coast region, will give a presentation on this exciting new opportunity for the forestry industry. Registration begins at 5:30, followed by dinner and the program. Dinner is free for CFWA members, and \$10 for non-members. Preregistration is required by calling the Harrison County Extension Office at (228) 865-4227 or emailing Tim Ray at tim.ray@msstate.edu. This topic is important to our members and others across Mississippi, so please feel free to share details of this program with others that might be interested.

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SEPTEMBER 12

• The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce is hosting the 2019 State of the County Address with the Hancock County Board of Supervisors at 8 a.m. at the Hollywood Casino.

SEPTEMBER 14

• The 4th Annual Mermaids Arts and Crafts Show will be held on the shady grounds of the Historic Train Depot, 1928 Depot Way, in beautiful Bay Saint Louis, MS on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 14 and 15. The Arts and Craft show features handmade goods such as jewelry, ceramics and woodwork from artists from all over the South. Also featuring an Art Contest with cash prizes of 1st \$300 and 2nd \$200. Show times are from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Sunday. The location provides easy access to downtown shopping, restaurants, campgrounds, hotels and casinos in one of Southern Living Magazine's "Top 50 Places to be in the South." For more information on the event, and art contest email us at info@thekreweofnereids.com or visit www.thekreweofnereids.com or thekreweofnereids.wixsite.com/mermaidmarketplace. Vendor forms and information are available on the websites.

• The 8th annual Diamondhead Hummingbird Festival is scheduled for Sept. 14 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hummingbird banding, vendors, displays, speakers, presentations, and live entertainment. Requested donation for admission: \$5/person. Maximum \$15/family. Location 2356 Airport Dr., Diamondhead. Contact us: 228-255-1986, 228-342-0349, or 601-590-5222. Proceeds to be donated to Master's Call Ministries International to feed orphans and hungry children children and St. Vincent and South Asia. For more information, please visit our website at www.masterscallmc.com/hummingbird-fest or looks us up on Facebook - Diamondhead Hummingbird Festival.

SEPTEMBER 18

• St. Clare Catholic

Church will host its annual Senior Health and Wellness Fair on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 236 S. Beach Blvd. in Waveland. Please save the date and let me know if you will be able to attend. Feel free to invite others who may want to be a vendor. More information will be made available as we get closer to the date.

SEPTEMBER 20

• The Hancock County Fair begins today at 6:30 p.m. at the Hancock County Fairgrounds in Kiln.

SEPTEMBER 21

• The 35th annual Diamondhead Arts and Crafts Show is scheduled for Sept. 21 and 22. Vendors needing a application can email dhartsandcraftsfair@gmail.com and you will be sent an application or you can call Darlene Averett-Taylor Diamondhead Arts and Crafts Show Coordinator at 504-439-4004.

OCTOBER 19

• The St. Clare Fall Festival is scheduled for Oct. 19 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. There will be live bands, vendors, food, beverages, a cornhole tournament, and games for the kids.

NOVEMBER 23

• The Ground Zero Hurricane Museum is hosting its Christmas Bazaar from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free admission. Pancake breakfast with Santa from 7 to 9 a.m. for \$5. There will be gifts for Christmas, clothing, jewelry, books, candles, soaps and many other crafts. The museum is located at 335 Coleman Ave. For more information, contact 228-467-9012 or Kathy at kathy@waveland-groundzero.com.

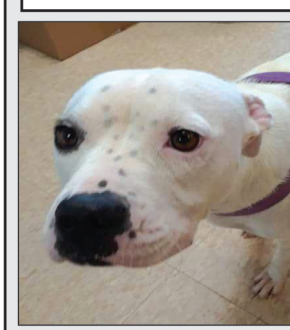
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DEVOTIONAL PAGE

TEACHING OUR STUDENTS RESPECT, COMPASSION, AND DIGNITY

BY GARY ANDREWS
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Several years ago when I attended my 40th class reunion I received an inspirational message from a friend that I haven't seen since the eighth grade. It totally caught me off guard and I had no memory of this ever happening.

My renewed friendship of this classmate gave me an uplifting feeling of something that I did some 60 years ago. Being a successful businessman and now living in California, this friend drove all the way to Mississippi to see if I was still around and was in attendance. To my great surprise he told me, "Gary, I remember in the first grade I was being picked on by two boys and would not speak up for myself. You intervened and told them to leave me alone and I wasn't bothered by them anymore. I felt I needed to say Thank You for helping me then because it gave me a stronger self-esteem and more self-confidence." I did not recall the incident and never knew that this happened, however my friend remembered it and it made an impact on him and how he looked at life.

There are many stories similar to this of how just one small step in helping someone will forever change their lives. I remember a story of how some bullies knocked a small boy to the ground, scattered his books, and broke his glasses. One young man stopped

and helped him up, help him repair his glasses and pick up his books. These two young men became friends and were very successful in their adult lives.

The young victim that was picked on became Valedictorian of his class and during his farewell speech alluded to one of the greatest things that ever happened to him. He acknowledged his friend and recalled the day that his friend picked him up and helped him. "It was that day I had cleaned out my locker and was taking all of my books home. I had been picked on all of my school years and I was beaten down. I was on my way to commit suicide and end all of these problems. Thanks to this one person being nice to me and helping me, my view of the world changed."

All of our schools are beginning a new year and we need to encourage students to step up and be kind and helpful to all of the students around them. We may never know what some of these students are facing and what kind of difficulties they are going through. Should they see someone being bullied they should tell someone that can intervene and stop the bullies. If they see someone that is timid and won't speak or stand up themselves, they should be friendly and encourage them in a positive way.

As parents and adults we need to teach

students with discipline, love, and encouragement. We need to talk to them about setting goals and achieving these goals. We need to teach them about caring and helping others, being orderly with good manners and respect for their teachers, administrators, and leaders.

Our students of today need to understand that the way of the world will only lead them into poverty and a life of crime. We still to instill into them that a life of crime and drugs will kill them or either send them to jail for a lifetime of misery and regret.

One of the greatest gifts we can give our children and students is the knowledge of Jesus Christ that through Him is eternal salvation. God gives us all of the laws that we will ever need and He has provided rules and regulations for us. In John 14:15 Jesus tells us, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." Let's teach our children the Ten Commandments and once they learn these many of the problems in our school systems will cease. It's all about respect, honor, compassion, and dignity.

Gary Andrews is the author of Encouraging Words: 30-days in God's Word. To obtain a copy go to www.gadevotionals.com.

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MONDAY -
LEVITICUS 19:17-18
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JOHN 13:12-17
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GALATIANS 3:26-29
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AMOS 5:14-15
SATURDAY -
2 CORINTHIANS 3:17

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NOTICE FOR EARLY PUBLIC REVIEW OF A PROPOSAL TO SUPPORT ACTIVITY IN THE 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals
This is to give notice that the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission proposes to undertake the following:
STENNIS AIRPORT HANGAR FACILITY COMPLETION PROJECT
The Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission is requesting the use of U.S. Department of the Treasury Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies (RESTORE) Act entitlement funding for construction of an airport hangar facility and other associated amenities for the Stennis Airport Hangar Facility Completion project.
In deciding whether to fund the proposed project, U.S. Department of the Treasury is obligated to follow requirements set forth by Section 2(a)(4) of Executive Order 11988 for Floodplain Management. This Notice of Intent is being provided in fulfillment of the aforementioned Executive Order.
The project site is located at Stennis International Airport in Kiln, Hancock County, Mississippi. It is located on the east side of Fred and Al Key Road, south of Texas Flat Road, east of Mississippi Highway 603, and south of the Jourdan River.

The Stennis Airport Hangar Facility Completion site (0.58 acres, 0.14 acre of which is located within the 100-year floodplain (Zone AE) as shown on Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Community Panel 28045C0327D (dated October 16, 2009). The remaining 0.42 acre is located within the 500-year floodplain (Zone X) as shown on the same FIRM panel. Measures would be taken during construction work to ensure that construction is performed in a manner that minimizes any negative impact to the floodplain.

This request for comment is being submitted to the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality. Members of the public are invited to submit comments on the proposed activity. Additional information on the proposed activity is available to the public between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday at the following location:

Bill Cork
Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission
14054 Fred & Al Key Road
Kiln, MS 39556
bcork@hpc.ms

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments for consideration by the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission at the above address by August 17, 2019. All comments will be considered prior to funding the proposed activity.
07/24; 07/27; 07/31; 08/03; 08/07; 08/10; 08/14; 08/17; 08/21; 08/24/19

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This is to give notice that the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission proposes to undertake the following:

PORT BIENVILLE INDUSTRIAL PARK METHANOL FACILITY, RAIL LINE EXTENSION, AND DOCK INSTALLATION PROJECT
The Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission is requesting the use of U.S. Department of the Treasury Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies (RESTORE) Act entitlement funding for construction of a methanol facility, rail line extension, and dock installation project.
In deciding whether to fund the proposed project, U.S. Department of the Treasury is obligated to follow requirements set forth by Section 2(a)(4) of Executive Order (E.O.) 11988 for Floodplain Management. This Notice of Intent is being provided in fulfillment of E.O. 11988.

The project site is located at Port Bienville Industrial Park (PBIP) in Pearllington, Hancock County, Mississippi. It is located approximately 1.34 miles south-southeast of Chef Menteur Highway (U.S. Highway 90), north of Port and Harbor Drive and west of Road G. The Port Bienville Industrial Canal is adjacent to the north of the project site.

The PBIP Methanol Facility, Rail Line Extension, and Dock Installation site is approximately 40.0 acres, all of which are located within the 100-year floodplain (Zone AE) as shown on Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Community Panels 28045C0402D and 28045C0406D (dated October 16, 2009). Measurements would be taken during construction work to ensure that construction is performed in a manner that minimizes any negative impact to the floodplain.

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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI YOUTH COURT DIVISION HANCOCK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES, BY MARCUS D. DAVENPORT, AND JIMMY LEE MELTON AND DEVIN EARL MELTON, MINORS, BY AND THROUGH THEIR NEXT FRIEND, MARCUS D. DAVENPORT PETITIONERS VS. JAMIE VIRGINIA CREEL-MELTON AND JIMMY EARL MELTON RESPONDENTS CIVIL ACTION, FILE NO. CC19-02020 COUNTY COURT SUMMONS

TO: **Jamie Virginia Creel-Melton**, who is not to be found in the State of Mississippi on diligent inquiry and whose post office address is not known to the Petitioners after diligent inquiry made by said Petitioners.
TO: **Jimmy Earl Melton**, who is not to be found in the State of Mississippi on diligent inquiry and whose post office address is not known to the Petitioners after diligent inquiry made by said Petitioners.

You have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by the Hancock County Department of Child Protection Services by Marcus D. Davenport, Deputy Director of Permanency, and J.L.M. and D.E.M., minors, seeking to terminate your parental rights as those rights relate to said minors and demanding that the full custody, control and authority to act on behalf of said minors be placed with the Hancock County Department of Child Protection Services.
YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR AND DEFEND AGAINST THE PETITION FILED AGAINST YOU IN THIS ACTION AT 9:00, O'CLOCK A.M. ON THE 11TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2019 IN THE COURTROOM OF THE HANCOCK COUNTY COURTHOUSE AT 152 MAIN STREET, BAY ST. LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI, AND IN CASE OF YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR AND DEFEND, A JUDGMENT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE PETITION.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire. ISSUED under my hand and seal of said Court, this 14th day of August, 2019. (SEAL)

KAREN LADNER RUHR, CLERK
BY: GRETCHEN L. KARL DEPUTY CLERK
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
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HYPERLINK "mailto:bcork@hpc.ms" bcork@hpc.ms

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SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2013, **James D. Candebat**, an unmarried man, executed a deed of trust to Alan E. South, Trustee for the benefit of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as Nominee for Proficio Mortgage Ventures, LLC, its successors and assigns, which deed of trust is recorded in Deed of Trust Book 2013 at Page 10850 and corrected and re-recorded in Book 2014 at Page 1718 in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of the County of Hancock, State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid deed of trust was assigned to Finance of America Reverse LLC by instrument dated April 22, 2019, and recorded in the Office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 2019 at Page 9093; and WHEREAS, the aforesaid, Finance of America Reverse LLC, the holder of said deed of trust and the note secured thereby, substituted Underwood Law Firm PLLC, as Trustee therein, as authorized by the terms thereof, by instrument dated June 25, 2019 and recorded in the Office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 2019 at Page 15895; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust and the entire debt secured thereby, having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust, and the legal holder of said indebtedness, Finance of America Reverse LLC, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, Substituted Trustee's fees and expense of sale;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, Underwood Law Firm PLLC, Substituted Trustee in said deed of trust, will on the 13th day of September, 2019, offer for sale at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder, and sell within legal hours (between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.) at the Main front door of the County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, County of Hancock, State of Mississippi, the following described property situated in the County of Hancock, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

The land described herein is situated in the State of Mississippi, County of Hancock, and is described as follows:
Commencing at a point which is the North-East Corner of the NW 1/4 of SE 1/4, Section 12, Township 7 North, Range 15 West; thence South a distance of 137.5 feet to a point where the East line of said NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 intersects the South right of way line of the Fire Tower Road; thence South 82 degrees 30 minutes West 133 feet along said right of way line to a point which is the Place of Beginning; thence South 290 feet to a point; thence South 82 degrees 32 minutes West 150 feet to a point; thence North 290 feet to a point set on said South right of way line of Fire Tower Road; thence North 82 degrees 30 minutes East 150.00 feet to the Place of Beginning; containing 1 acre, more or less and being part of the NW 1/4 of SE 1/4, Section 12, Township 7 North, Range 15 West, Hancock County, Mississippi.

AND Commencing at the NE Corner of the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 12, Township 7 North, Range 15 West, Hancock County, Mississippi; thence running South 152 feet, more or less, to the South line of Fire Tower Road; thence running South 76 degrees 51 minutes West along the South line a distance of 33 feet, more or less, to an iron pin in a fence line; thence running South 1 degree 47 minutes West 291 feet along a fence line to an iron pin; thence running South 76 degrees 51 minutes West 100 feet; thence North 1 degree 47 minutes West 291 feet, more or less, along the East line of property now owned by Candebat as described in Deed from Jack Lott to Herbert W. Davidson and wife on May 14, 1971 and recorded in Vol. W-6, Page 494, to the South line of Fire Tower Road; thence running North 76 degrees 51 minutes East 100 feet, more or less, to the Place of Beginning, containing 0.65 acres, more or less, being part of the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Section 12, Township 7 North, Range 15 West, Hancock County, Mississippi.

Being the same property as conveyed to James D. Candebat and Irene L. Candebat, his wife, tenants by the entirety with full rights of survivorship and not as tenants in common by Deed dated November 30, 1978, recorded February 7, 1979, in Book AA30-701 and Quit Claim Deed dated September 26, 1973, recorded November 27, 1973, in Book Z1, Page 358. Wherein Irene Ann Candebat, also known as Irene L. Candebat died on December 22, 2008. Whereas title passes to James D. Candebat by Operation of Law. Parcel number(s): 071 -0-12-020-000 WE WILL CONVEY only such title as is vested in Underwood Law Firm PLLC as Substituted Trustee.

WITNESSE OUR SIGNATURE, this the 25th day of July, 2019.
Underwood Law Firm PLLC
SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE
By: Catherine W. Underwood
Majority Member
Control# Candebat, James/Celink
08/17; 08/24; 08/31; 09/07/19

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN RE: GUARDIANSHIP OF RAINA LEFAYE ROGERS, A MINOR JOHN D. GARCIA, II AND GINGER ROGERS GARCIA PETITIONERS V

GLENN ALLEN ROGERS, JR. RESPONDENT TO: MANDY SHAW
Whose Present Address and Whereabouts Are Unknown

NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT(S)
THE COMPLAINT WHICH IS ATTACHED TO THIS SUMMONS IS IMPORTANT AND YOU MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.
You are required to mail or hand deliver a copy of a written response to the Complaint to Stephen J. Maggion, attorney for the Plaintiff(s), whose post office address is 2201 24th Ave., Gulfport, MS 39501. Your response must be mailed or delivered within (30) days from the date of delivery of this summons and complaint or a judgment by default will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint.
You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward.
Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 31st day of July, 2019. (SEAL)

Tim Keller, Chancery Court Clerk
By: Cassie Tribble Deputy Clerk
Maggio Law Firm
2201 24th Ave.
Gulfport, MS 39501
228-863-9111
08/03; 08/04; 08/17/19

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ARCHIE GORDON COURREGE (DECEASED)

CAUSE NO. 23-CH1:19-CV-172-JP NOTICE OF EXECUTOR TO THE CREDITORS OF ARCHIE GORDON COURREGE
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY HAVING BEEN GRANTED ON THE 15TH DAY OF APRIL, 2019, BY THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN CAUSE NUMBER 23-CH1:19-CV-172-JP TO THE UNDERSIGNED UPON THE ESTATE OF ARCHIE GORDON COURREGE, DECEASED, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST SAID ESTATE TO PRESENT SAME TO THE CLERK OF SAID COURT FOR PROBATE AND REGISTRATION ACCORDING TO LAW WITHIN NINETY (90) DAYS AFTER THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE ON AUGUST 17, 2019, OR THE CLAIMS WILL EVER BE BARRED. This, the 15th day of August, 2019.
/s/ MYRNA COURREGE THORNBURG
Errol A. LaRue, PLLC
544 Main Street
Bay St. Louis MS 39520
228-220-0611
08/17; 08/24; 08/31/19

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANTHELIA NAOMI TOMASICH (DECEASED)

CAUSE NO. 23-CH1:19-CV-177-JP NOTICE OF EXECUTOR TO THE CREDITORS OF ANTHELIA NAOMI TOMASICH
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY HAVING BEEN GRANTED ON THE 15TH DAY OF APRIL, 2019, BY THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN CAUSE NUMBER 23-CH1:19-CV-177-JP TO THE UNDERSIGNED UPON THE ESTATE OF ANTHELIA NAOMI TOMASICH, DECEASED, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST SAID ESTATE TO PRESENT SAME TO THE CLERK OF SAID COURT FOR PROBATE AND REGISTRATION ACCORDING TO LAW WITHIN NINETY (90) DAYS AFTER THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE ON AUGUST 17, 2019, OR THE CLAIMS WILL EVER BE BARRED. THIS, THE 12TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2019.
/s/ PAUL JOSEPH MARTIN, JR.
ERROL LARUE
ATTORNEY AT LAW
544 MAIN STREET
BAY ST. LOUIS, MS 39520
228-220-0611
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COASTAL WETLANDS PERMIT AND WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION HANCOCK COUNTY PORT AND HARBOR COMMISSION

Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission has filed an application with the Department of Marine Resources requesting permission to conduct regulated activities under the provision of the Coastal Wetlands Protection Act, Title 49, Chapter 27, Mississippi Code of 1972.

The applicant is proposing to make improvements at the Port Bienville Industrial Park within a parcel identified as "Site 4" which is located along the Port Bienville Industrial Canal, Hancock County, MS. Construction proposed includes 850 feet of bulkhead, gravel loading pad, stormwater basins and outfalls, roadways and rail line improvements, a keyhole boat slip (370 feet in length and 290 feet in width), riprap, piers, a warehouse, and a bulk fuel storage area. Approximately 1,000 linear feet of riprap will be placed around the perimeter of the keyhole slip.

To facilitate construction the applicant is proposing permanent impacts to 6.91 acres of wetlands and temporary impacts to 1.06 acres of wetlands. The applicant is also proposing to excavate approximately 21,030 cubic yards of material and dredge approximately 84,683 cubic yards of material. Excavation and dredging operations will impact 0.14 acres of tidal marsh and 0.14 acres of submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV). The applicant is proposing to mitigate for impacts to emergent and forested wetlands through the purchase of credits from a commercial mitigation bank and impacts to freshwater marsh and tidal wetlands through permittee-responsible mitigation.

The applicant is requesting a variance from Chapter 8, Section 2, Part III.N.F. of the Mississippi Coastal Program (MCP) and to Miss. Admin. Code Title 22, Part 23, Chapter 8, Section 113.01, 6., and has justified these requests under Chapter 8, Section 2, Part I.E.2.c.iv of the MCP and Miss. Admin. Code Title 22, Part 23, Chapter 8, Section 188.04 by stating the activity requires a waterfront location; there is a significant public benefit in the activity; and a public hearing has been held.

This public notice, project diagrams, and a copy of the full project application may be accessed on MDMF's website at: HYPERLINK "http://dmr.ms.gov/index.php/coastal-resources-management/wetland-permitting" http://dmr.ms.gov/index.php/coastal-resources-management/wetland-permitting. A copy can also be mailed upon request.

In compliance with Section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251, 1341), as amended by PL 95-217, the applicant will request certification from the Office of Pollution Control that the above mentioned activity will be in compliance with applicable provisions of Section 301 (33 U.S.C. 1311), Section 302 (33 U.S.C. 1312), Section 303 (U.S.C. 1313), Section 306 (U.S.C. 1316), and Section 307 (U.S.C. 1317) of the Act and appropriate requirements of the State Law.

Any person wishing to make comments or objections to the proposed regulated activity must submit those comments in writing to the Department of Marine Resources by mail to 1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530; by fax to 228-374-5008; or by email to chris.pickering@dmr.ms.gov before 1:00 p.m. on the day September 4, 2019.
08/17; 08/24; 08/31/19

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THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE BAY ST LOUIS PLANNING AND ZONING MEETING AGENDA OF AUGUST 27, 2019.

AMENDMENT: ADDRESS CORRECTION
An amendment has been made to a Planning and Zoning Application set to come before the Planning and Zoning Commission on August 27th, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. The address on the application for STOLZ has been amended from 406 St. John Street to 301 St. John Street.

AMENDMENT: THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE BAY ST LOUIS PLANNING AND ZONING AGENDA OF AUGUST 27, 2019.

BAIRD - application for Special Exception and variance to the Zoning ordinance. The applicant is asking for Special Exception to build an accessory dwelling on this parcel of land. If granted, the following variances will be needed: A variance of 3' resulting in a 5' setback to the side yard. A variance of 12' resulting in an 8' setback to the rear yard. A variance of 5,400sf resulting in a total of 9,600sf to the lot area. A variance of 22% resulting in a total of 72% of the floor area. The property in question is located at 214 Citizen Street; Parcel 149N-0-30-043.000, 4th Ward, 15F & 16F, Bay St. Louis, J-0-4, 84. The property is zoned R-2, Two Family District. Any questions or concerns, please contact the Bay St. Louis Planning and Zoning at 228-469-0009.
08/17/19

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TOMMY SHAW, DECEASED GLADYS M. SHAW PLAINTIFF VS. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF TOMMY SHAW, DECEASED, DEFENDANTS

CAUSE NO. 2019-285CB SUMMONS TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF TOMMY SHAW, DECEASED

You have been made Defendants in the suit filed in this Court by the Plaintiff, Gladys M. Shaw, seeking approval of the Complaint for Establishment of Heirs at Law of Tommy Shaw, deceased.

You are summoned to appear and defend against said complaint at 9:00 o'clock a.m., on the 25th day of September, 2019, in the courtroom of the First Judicial District of Harrison County Courthouse at Gulfport, Mississippi.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 29th day of July, 2019. (SEAL)

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF AGNES MAE THOMAS, DECEASED CAROLYN SUE NUGENT, PETITIONER

CAUSE NO.: 23CH1:18-cv-753-JP SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO: The Unknown Heirs-at-Law of Agnes Mae Thomas, Deceased, whose names, places of residence, post office and street addresses are unknown to Petitioner after diligent search and inquiry.

You have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by Carolyn Sue Nugent, Administrator of the Estate of Agnes Mae Thomas, Deceased, seeking to have the heirs-at-law of Agnes Mae Thomas adjudicated by the Court.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition to Determine Heirs at 9:00 a.m. on September 16, 2019 in the Chancery Courtroom of the Honorable Jim Persons located at 1801 23rd Avenue, Gulfport, Mississippi 39501, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment or order will be entered against you for the things demanded in the Petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 7th day of August, 2019.
By: /Bridgette Sadue, D.C.
Issued at the request of:
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Attorney for Carolyn S. Nugent
08/10; 08/17; 08/24/19

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI YOUTH COURT DIVISION HANCOCK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES, BY MARCUS D. DAVENPORT, ANDRE JOSHUA BARBAZON, JR. AND ADDALYNN ANNE THOMAS, MINORS, BY AND THROUGH THEIR NEXT FRIEND, MARCUS D. DAVENPORT PETITIONERS VS. UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER RESPONDENT

CIVIL ACTION, FILE NO. CC19-0122T COUNTY COURT SUMMONS
TO: Unknown Putative Father, who is not to be found in the State of Mississippi on diligent inquiry and whose current post office address is not known to the Petitioners after diligent inquiry made by said Petitioners.

You have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by the Hancock County Department of Child Protection Services, by Marcus D. Davenport, Deputy Director for Permanency, and A.A.T., a minor, seeking to terminate your parental rights as those rights relate to said minor and demanding that the full custody, control and authority to act on behalf of said minor be placed with the Hancock County Department of Child Protection Services. There are no other Respondents than you in this action.

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR AND DEFEND AGAINST THE PETITION FILED AGAINST YOU IN THIS ACTION AT 9:00 A.M. ON THE 27TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2019 IN THE COURTROOM OF THE HANCOCK COUNTY COURT IN BAY ST. LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI, AND IN CASE OF YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR AND DEFEND, A JUDGMENT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE PETITION. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire. ISSUED under my hand and seal of said Court, this 7th day of August, 2019.

KAREN LADNER RUHR, COUNTY CLERK
BY: VALERIE L. LADNER, D.C.
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
152 MAIN STREET, SUITE B
BAY ST. LOUIS, MISSISSIP

MDOT urges preparedness on Hurricane Camille anniversary

SEA COAST ECHO

On August 17, 1969, Hurricane Camille made landfall on the Mississippi Gulf Coast late in the evening. Camille brought wind speeds of approximately 172 mph. According the National Weather Service, the Category 5 hurricane resulted in 259 fatalities and \$1.42 billion in damages.

This year marks 50 years since Camille struck the Mississippi Gulf Coast. It was the second most powerful recorded hurricane to make landfall in the United States. Today, the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) reminds residents to be prepared for the next storm and have an evacuation plan.

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of harm's way. You can always replace property, but you can't replace a life."

MDOT also offers a disaster-kit checklist and instructional videos on hurricane preparation at GoMDOT.com/hurricanes.

During a storm, the public can stay updated on live travel and weather information 24/7 with MDOT's free travel resources. Visit MDOTtraffic.com or download the MDOT Traffic Mobile App. Follow @MississippiDOT on social media along with the hashtag #HurricaneStrong this hurricane season.

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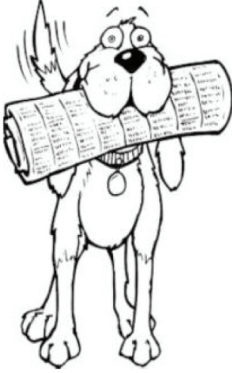
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The task force met to discuss possible recommendations for the MDE. The one recommendation was for the agency to provide professional development to school leaders and teachers about the appropriate frequency and uses of tests.

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SHARON MALOCHEE

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50 YEARS LATER

August 17, 1969



The Sea Coast Echo



From the Publisher

Camille: A life-altering storm

Fifty years ago today on Aug. 17, 1969, Hurricane Camille made landfall here between the communities of Waveland and Pass Christian. The devastation was historic.

By the numbers: Hurricane Camille killed 259 people (with 172 deaths along the Mississippi Coast), injured 8,931 more, destroyed or damaged 21,280 homes and 700 businesses and caused \$1.43 billion in damages (roughly the equivalent of \$10 billion today).

Join us as we pause to remember the havoc and destruction Hurricane Camille caused here and the lives lost during the tragedy with this special section. We have included the actual pages from the Sea Coast Echo's coverage 50 years ago, photos of the area following the hurricane and interviews with some of the survivors.

Camille began as a tropical storm on Aug. 14, 1969, west of the Cayman Islands and quickly gained strength as it moved toward Cuba. By the next day, it had reached Category 3 status. On Aug. 16, the storm had progressed to a Category 5 hurricane, the highest classification on the Saffir-Simpson hurricane scale.

Late on the night of Aug. 17, Hurricane Camille made landfall in our communities. Camille's gusts were powerful enough to knock out all wind-recording instruments, leaving some experts estimating wind speed at between 175-200 mph. The storm surge reached as

high as 24.6 feet in Pass Christian.

After the storm left behind its crushing carnage, moved north-east through the Ohio Valley and into Virginia and weakened to a tropical depression. Before it finally entered the Atlantic Ocean on Aug. 20, Camille dumped 12-20 inches of rain across parts of West Virginia and Virginia, creating devastating floods and landslides.

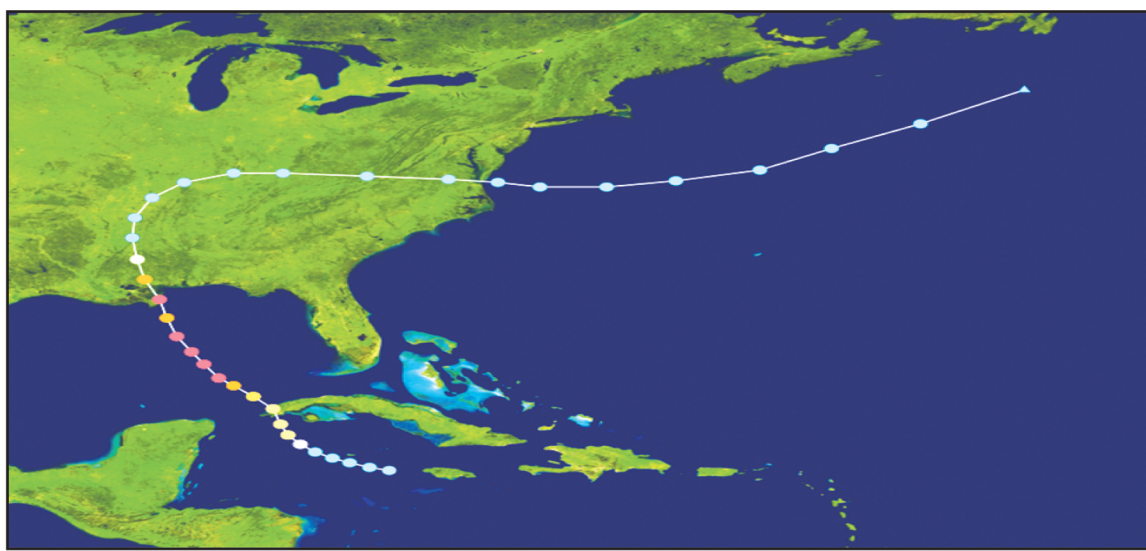
Locally, more than 11 inches of rain fell in Hancock County, and most low-lying areas were flooded with up to 15 feet of water. Much of Highway 90 was blocked by sand and debris, with several areas of the road broken up into pieces. Electricity was quickly lost when the storm hit.

Along Mississippi's entire shore and for some three to four blocks inland, the destruction was nearly complete. The worst-hit areas were Clermont Harbor, Lakeshore, Waveland, Bay St. Louis, Pass Christian, Long Beach and the beachfront of Gulfport, Mississippi City and Biloxi.

The storm surge topped sea-walls, leaving a barge along the highway in Gulfport. Additionally, fires consumed many of the coastal communities. Camille destroyed the antebellum Trinity Episcopal Church in Pass Christian, taking 15 lives.

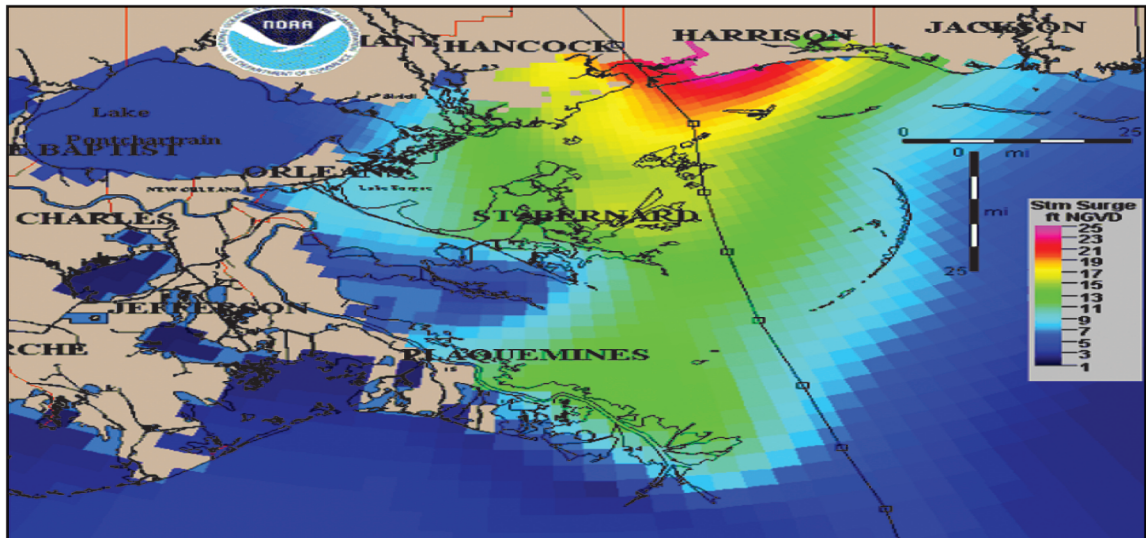
The response after the storm involved many federal, state and local agencies and volunteer organizations. The main group coordinating the federal response to the disaster was the Office of Emergency Preparedness, which provided \$76 million at the time (about half a billion dollars today). Food and shelter were available by the day after the storm.

On Aug. 19, our community



FILE PHOTO

This map plots the track and intensity of Hurricane Camille in August 1969.



FILE PHOTO

The storm surge from Hurricane Camille was apparent on weather service maps.

was declared a major disaster area and became eligible for federal disaster relief funds. President Richard Nixon sent 1,450 regular troops and 800 US Army Engineers here to bring aircraft, food, vehicles, medicine, vaccines and other health-related supplies.

Gov. John Bell Williams declared martial law, blocking highways into the area and leading to a 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew. That lasted for about a week. Sections of Bay St. Louis and Pass Christian were evacuated. Survivors were

found for days after the storm, with 35 trapped by high water north of Bay St. Louis rescued on Thursday.

Army engineers disposed of 25 tons of dead animals – mostly cows – during the week after Camille. One week after the storm, airplanes sprayed malathion at low altitudes to kill the thriving insect population.

On Sept. 8, President Nixon visited the Biloxi-Gulfport Regional Airport and gave a speech to elevate the spirits of local residents struggling with

the storm's aftermath. Power wasn't fully restored to the area until Nov. 25.

Today, and despite another devastating storm in Hurricane Katrina in August 2005, our area stands stronger than ever. Businesses – some new and some rebuilt – and a growing population that includes current and new residents has made Mississippi's Gulf Coast shine.

Rob Langrell
Publisher
Sea Coast Echo



Remembering Camille

Hurricane Camille made landfall along the Mississippi Gulf Coast 50 years ago this week. The Category 5 storm swept away homes and businesses, damaged bridges and closed major highways and roads due to fallen trees and debris. Of Mississippi Power's 135,000 customers, 104,000 lost power.

With support from 800 Mississippi Power employees and 1,350 outside resources, service was restored to all customers who could receive it in less than two weeks.

This week, we remember the lives lost, the families displaced and the communities impacted by Hurricane Camille as well as the tenacity of all Coastal Mississippians to rebuild our beautiful coastline.

We count on being counted on.

'It was like Armageddon'

Pat Murphy recalls role with the Civil Defense group 50 years ago

BY GEOFF BELCHER
GENERAL MANAGER

These days, when you say "the Storm," most folks think you're talking about Hurricane Katrina. Prior to that fateful day in 2005, however, "the Storm" meant Hurricane Camille, which struck 50 years ago on Aug. 17, 1969.

At that point, Camille was the most deadly, powerful hurricane the Mississippi Gulf Coast had ever seen, and author and musician Pat Murphy wanted to be out in it.

"When I was a kid, hurricanes – you were always shut up in the house with the windows boarded up and no electricity with all the excitement going on outside," Murphy said recently.

Fifty years older and wiser now, he admits that he got a bit more excitement than he had bargained for.

"I was 15 or 16 when Betsy hit (in September 1965)," Murphy said, "and when Camille came along, myself and some of my friends decided we were going to sign up for Civil Defense."

At first, it was mostly grunt work, he said.

"The first thing they did was send us back to the Bay St. Louis

train depot," Murphy said. "On the second floor of the train depot, they had about 150 Army surplus cots stored up there, and we were told to bring them to Hancock North Central High School. It was going to be a shelter. This was about mid-afternoon on the day of the storm."

"Well, we dropped the cots of at the school, and we started heading back and somewhere in there between the Jourdan River and Bayou Lacroix, the truck quit on us. ... Thankfully, another truck came along and they jumped us off, and we got back on the road."

By the time Murphy and his crew came back to town, he said, Camille was starting to make landfall.

"You could see electrical transformers blowing up in a flash of light just everywhere," Murphy said. "We got back to Civil Defense and somewhere in Waveland, around Sandy Street, had called for help, so they sent us down there to evacuate 'em. By the time we got there, the people who had called had already gone somewhere else, so we turned back."

"As we were coming back down Central, the

wind started throwing tree branches at us. We decided we should go up Nicholson and get farther away from the beachfront. We finally got on Old Spanish Trail and saw this old man walking down the road. The wind was blowing him and he could barely walk. He went back to the courthouse with us and I spent the rest of the storm in there. By that time, it was dark, and we were happy to be inside."

Murphy said that as he and his friends watched, Camille wreaked havoc in the streets.

"There were these big, big sycamore trees, and they were brittle and they just snapped off and fell on cars and stuff."

What he remembers most, though, he said, was the noise inside the courthouse as his friends, other Civil Defense workers and a host of others rode out the storm.

"The windows blew out on the top floor," he said, tearing the sheetrock off the walls, and it sounded as if "the whole building was going to go." What I remember most is the women – they were just hysterical. It was like Armageddon!

"The noise, it would be like standing in



FILE PHOTO

Pat Murphy spent time recently recalling his work after Camille.

between two different freight trains going by you in two different directions, fast. I was afraid the building was going to cave in.

"Mike McGinity and I went into the board of supervisors room and got under the table – we thought the table would protect us if the building collapsed."

After Camille finally passed, Murphy said, everyone reveled in the calm after the storm.

"One of my most vivid memories is when the sun started coming up, we walked out the front door of the courthouse and there wasn't a cloud in the sky. It felt like it was about 150 degrees. ... When I looked down Main Street toward the beach, I could see the

water."

Downtown Bay St. Louis was virtually destroyed, buildings demolished. Water stood in places where it never had before, and funeral home director Edmond Fahey and staff were recovering bodies.

"For me, Camille ended downtown Bay St. Louis the way I remember growing up with it," Murphy said.

The sheer unreality of it was almost absurd, and made mores when he was finally able to get away from the debris field.

"Probably a week or so after Camille – four or five days, anyway – I went to New Orleans and spent the night at a friend of mine's dad's house. In New Orleans, it was like

nothing had happened.

And as the years went on without another powerful storm hitting the Coast – prior to Hurricane Katrina, anyway – it became easier and easier to believe it wouldn't happen again.

He believes much of the loss of life the Coast suffered during Katrina occurred because of Camille's sheer brutality – no one thought there would ever be a bigger storm than that.

"After all the years that went by without a direct hit, this area got lulled into a sense of complacency," Murphy said. "Everybody knew (before Katrina) that we were overdue, but no one could really conceive of it happening."

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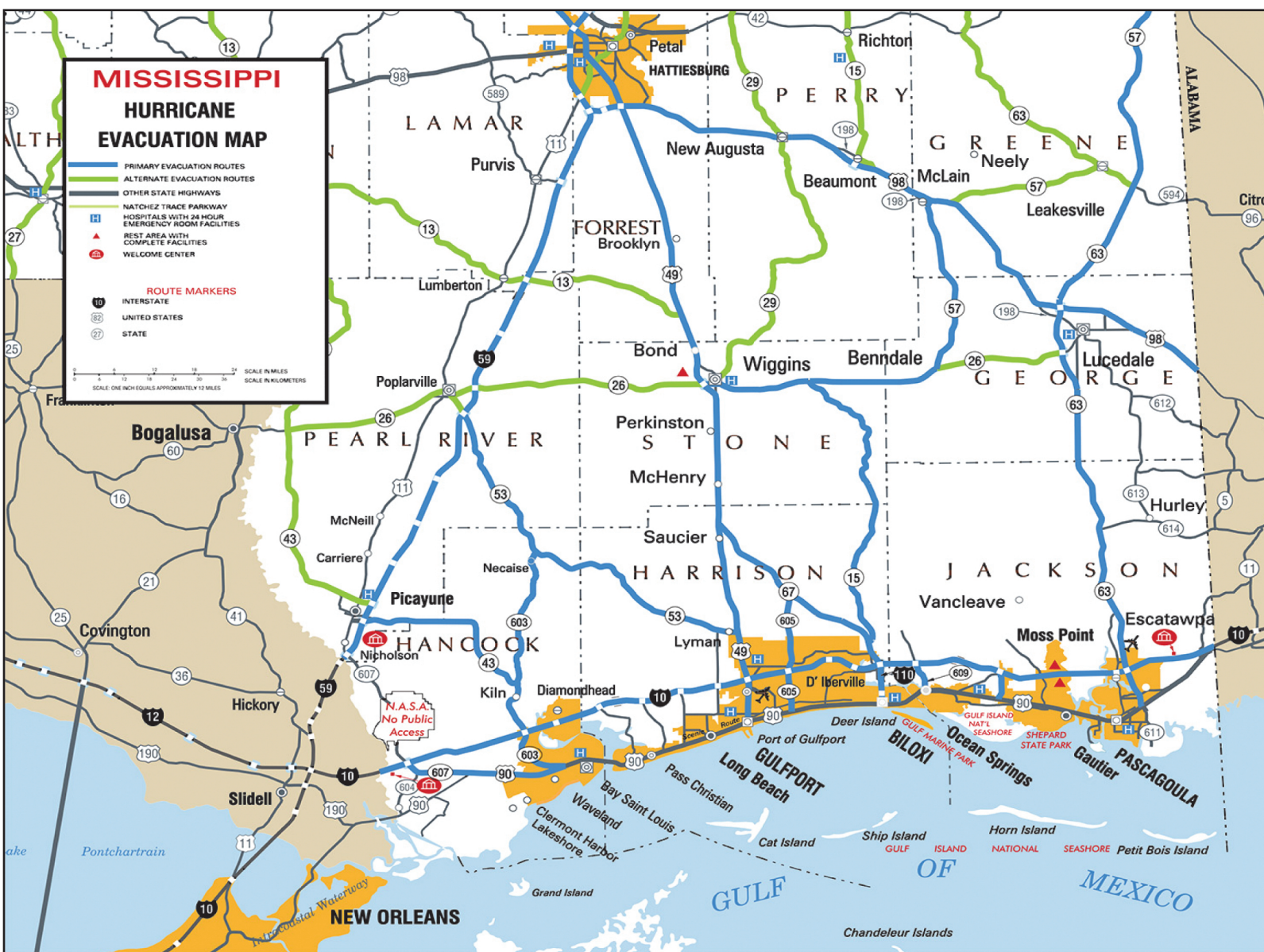
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Hurricane Camille was a fast-moving storm. Four days before landfall, it was a mere tropical depression. As it moved into the Gulf of Mexico, it quickly intensified to a major hurricane.

"Camille showed that storms can develop quickly," said Commissioner Tom King, Southern Transportation District. "That's why it is vital to be prepared and have a plan in place before a storm is in the Gulf."

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"Now is an important time to remind south Mississippi residents to be prepared and have a plan together for the remainder of hurricane season," King said. "It's never too early. Take advantage of these free preparedness resources

today."

During a storm, the public can stay updated on live travel and weather information 24/7 with MDOT's free travel resources.

Visit MDOTtraffic.com or download the MDOT Traffic Mobile App.

Follow @MississippiDOT on social media along with the hashtag #HurricaneStrong this hurricane season.



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H. Cecil Kilpatrick Jr., the executive director of the Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce, applies a bumper sticker as part of the “Together We Build the Mississippi Gulf Coast” effort following Hurricane Camille in August 1969.

Area residents remember Camille

SEA COAST ECHO

Like many huge events or disasters, nearly everyone remembers where he or she was at the time.

It’s no different with Hurricane Camille. When the deadly storm made landfall here late on the evening of Sunday, Aug. 17, 1969, and overnight into Monday, residents young and old recall their version of how life changed.

We begin with the story of George Schloegel. He was serving as the vice president of marketing and public relations at Hancock Bank back in 1969.

He and George Thatcher helped develop and kickstart the “Together We Build the Mississippi Gulf Coast” campaign that helped serve as a rallying cry and bolstered the community’s spirit following Camille. Bumper stickers and cars were distributed as a show of unity, but more on that below when he tells his story.

Schloegel had joined Hancock Bank in 1956, working after school in the mailroom and as a messenger for \$1 an hour. He furthered his banking experience with Whitney Bank in New Orleans while working his way through college and later rejoined Hancock Bank.

Following several years as a VP, he became Hancock Bank’s president in 1990. He became president and CEO in 2000.

Schloegel retired as CEO of Hancock Bank in 2006 to become vice chairman of the Hancock Holding Company Board of Directors. In 2008, he resigned as chairman to run for mayor of Gulfport, winning the race by an overwhelming majority. He served his hometown as mayor from 2009-2013, a period critical to South Mississippi’s and Gulfport’s post-Katrina recovery and rebuilding.

Here is how Schloegel – and then a variety of other local people – recall the time leading up to Hurricane Camille and the days, weeks and years following the devastation:



FILE PHOTO
Hancock Bank’s George Schloegel was instrumental in the rebuilding process along Mississippi’s Gulf Coast following Hurricane Camille.

have much time.

I do remember, too, when Ray Butterfield who was the manager of WLOX went on the TV about 4 or 5 p.m. that Sunday. He told the Gulf Coast – crying at the time – and begged people to listen. He told them to get out of low-lying places or tonight you might be killed. He said to get your pets and loved ones and go to higher ground. He probably saved thousands of people that night.

The storm came in later that night – fast – and moved through fast. But it came with a powerful force. After midnight came a calm and we saw the immense damage from the storm in the morning.

The point Camille hit in Pass Christian was right where we had a bank branch. There was a lot of damage up and down the coast. The whole Coast got the front wall of the storm. We had very little time to prepare, and virtually no one was prepared.

As a bank, we had a lot to work to do. We had to check on damage, see just who was hurt, things like that. We immediately went to work on that. We immediately set up a program to find all of our employees. There was very little communication because there were no cell phones, of course.

One thing badly need after a storm like that is cash money. People have to acquire things they’ve lost, and they also need it for food, clothes and equipment. The economy goes into a tailspin.

But, where would the money come from? We had problems with the vaults and had to get them open and cleaned out. We had to go from being bankers to janitors first. But we did have money and

set up tables out in front of the bank as temporary quarters to serve the community.

At times like this, people don’t have checks or even wallets, and sometimes only the clothes on their backs. Asking for an ID to verify people was near impossible. We did it on blind trust. We had a limit on the amount we could give and people had a limit on the amount they could take.

Anyone who came to us, we’d give them \$200 just to try to get people their money. We would try to get an ID or even an IOU. But, we started serving the public immediately. We knew we were giving out money that we may never see back. We also set up a program to feed our employees – we had about 100 employees at the time of the storm. Some of our commercial loan officers became sandwich makers.

We also had to figure out what we were going to do with other money sources like from the Red Cross, the Small Business Administration (SBA) and Salvation Army. It gives a sense of relief to people when they receive help. For matters of rebuilding a house or business, the pros at the SBA took care of it. We asked the Red Cross what they needed and got them moved into an abandoned high school. They were in operation the next day after the storm. They gave vouchers for clothing, food, and fuel, basically whatever people needed.

Mississippi Power had actually just moved out of the upstairs of our main office in Gulfport to move into its own building. We contacted the SBA and they set up in that space and were in operation by Wednesday that week and immediately started taking applications. They actually stayed there for several years and then built a permanent office on the Coast.

The bank immediately advanced money to our employees to get them back on their feet. It builds employee morale and they know the company they work for cares about them. If they needed a new roof on their house or something like that, the loan was taken out of their payroll over the next five years interest free.

Many people here started flying American flags. We also started the “Together We Build the Mississippi Gulf Coast” campaign. There were bumper stickers printed and it went on like wildfire. It

helped rally people and boost spirits. It ended up becoming a national symbol. Bob Hope came to the coast and money from a telethon came in from all over the world.

We beat Camille. Some people lost lives, some lost family and loved ones. The morale of the public was so great that the people came out ahead and ended up being a positive in the long run.

The Coast was built back stronger and better than ever before. It took a while, but it happened.

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We lived in Port Arthur, Texas, but my great-grandpa, John Saleeby, and his wife, Lelia, lived full-time in Clermont Harbor and didn’t evacuate.

I think John was 89 or so when Hurricane Camille hit and had weathered all the other storms there since he’d retired from Algiers. (He was originally from Beirut, Lebanon. He owned a dry goods store in Algiers, and in his Clermont Harbor retirement, raised up to 1,500 Rhode Island Red chicke—ns, and then grew vegetables on the well-fertilized land from years of chickens).

They lived at the corner of Ioor and North Railroad avenues, just across the tracks from Garcia’s Grocery. His wife wanted to evacuate but he refused, and she wouldn’t dream of leaving him alone. So they stayed.

The house was very well built – by John – of cypress in typical Mississippi-coast style with a tin roof, maybe two feet off the ground. Water had only been in once and only just above the floor.

In that storm, the railroad tracks had acted as a levee and kept the water back, but the water made its way back to them from the culverts on the road to Lakeshore. In that time, the mud had settled out and Lelia said it just a matter of mopping up the clear water when it receded.

Of course, Camille was stronger than anticipated.

The man we called “Grandpa John” Saleeby stood on a chair with the water up to his chin as the storm lifted the house and it drifted off its foundation. Lelia (who we called an “aunt” because she was his second wife after he was widowed) swam in the water to a

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closet up by the ceiling. She begged John to join her but, as family lore goes, he told her “if the Good Lord is ready to take me I’m ready to go.”

Fortunately the water receded before he drowned. Had the water continued to rise, even Aunt Lelia would have drowned, pinned to the ceiling in the closet.

That house had been built very close to the side road since John had sold vegetables from the back of his house, like a corner market. Lelia always had complained that it was too close to that side road. Camille left the house probably six or eight feet farther from the road. She had it put on piers right where the storm left it. She always joked she shouldn’t have wished the house was farther away. She didn’t know God would grant her wish with Camille.

The old sidewalk remained from the front gate, but then took a turn to the left with new concrete to the front door where Camille left it. The line of azalea bushes remained strangely out of place, by where the house was before the storm, with a large gap between them where the house once stood.

That storm took a toll on my great grandpa, and I am told he wasn’t ever really quite the same. I was only 5 when that storm hit but do remember him a few summers (we spent each summer in a small house he’d built there next to his house) after 1969. He died at 93.

My grandparents said they wanted to torch what was left of the little “guest house” next door, but rebuilt it by hand knowing how much their grandkids loved it. We all had many happy memories there from that summer of 1970 after they’d fixed it up (putting it back on the old piers and nailing the roof trusses back together, the old tin was still there) until two weeks before Katrina. We were all there, in both houses, full of cousins and my mom and aunt until just before Katrina.

My aunt and mom took good care of those homes and we thought they’d go on to the next generation. Of course, Katrina destroyed them with nothing to salvage. The land remains in the family and we have it mowed and cleared, but no one’s rebuilt on it.

Phil Huval
Denver, Colorado

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Our family stayed with friends at

the corner of Nicholson and Central in Waveland. The water came in and we had to leave the house. We walked the railroad tracks, which was the only place to stay out of the water.

The walk from Nicholson to Coleman took us a few hours. There were 17 of us and we huddled together against the harsh elements. When we got to Coleman, the guys were trying to decide where we should cross in the water for fear of electric lines when a tornado came over us.

We all had to lie down on the tracks as we watched it destroy the storage building at Waveland School. Then, it dropped down on the south side of the school between the two buildings. We finally reached shelter with a few cuts, bumps and bruises but we were all OK.

My father was civil defense and he was in the water fighting a fire on Coleman Avenue and he realized we were in this, too. A fellow firefighter went with him to find us.

After hours of searching and thinking he had lost his whole family, he saw a flashlight in a friend’s house that was being renovated. He knew it was not occupied and he came running in the house and you could see the pain lifted away. That was the first time I ever saw my father cry.

I was only 12 years old at the time and I thought this is the worst thing that could ever happen. Then I met a not-so-nice lady named Katrina that definitely set a new standard.

Pat Lucas Callahan

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I was present the night of Aug. 17 at the Waveland Elementary School. I brought a skiff to the school during the eye of the storm and fought the fire in the business district. We were able to save the Waveland Drug Store, and Louise Lynch was able to raise her seven daughters for the next 36 years.

Bill Bradford
Waveland

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I was 14 at the time and we stayed at my grandmother’s house (she had lost a leg and was wheelchair bound) on Lang Avenue about a half block from Scenic Drive in Pass Christian. We lost our house at 1219 E. Beach Boulevard that night. I remember it vividly.

I remember the water started

coming into the house and got up to my knees – I had sprouted up that summer and was about 5-foot-10 and grew another 3 inches before leaving high school in 1973. The sound of cracking trees, and howling wind like a roaring locomotive in the darkness was so scary. About 11 p.m., a big oak tree had uprooted in her backyard.

The next morning, Lang Avenue had several big pine trees covering the road so we had to make a path though the neighbor’s yard across the street and into another neighbor’s yard with access to Scenic Drive. We walked to our house and my mother was crying on the front steps.

There was one room left standing, however the Phelan’s house on the corner of Espy and Second streets looked as if it had exploded. Parts of the house were entangled in our house. The Puckett family – the father and one son stayed just two doors to the west of our house – has said a tornado hit both houses.

Rory Robin Rafferty Jr.
Pass Christian

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My mother’s house on Highland Drive in Bay St. Louis was damaged by the flooding waters. She escaped three to four blocks to another relative’s house in Bay St Louis that was two stories. However, the water invaded the lower floor and she stayed until the hurricane was over.

Raymond Baxter
Yorba Linda, California

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I lived on Waveland Avenue and went to a friend’s house north of the Kiln who lived on the Korean River. The water rose and tornados were all over. We left that house and swam to the house next door, which was a two story.

My baby was 3 months old and had to hold her up in the air in the carrier so she wouldn’t be in the water. Luckily, we went to that house. No one could get to us or even knew we were alive.

We were missing and presumed dead for days. My husband took a boat that he found and we rowed until he eventually got us to Highway 603. Some national guardsmen were passing and he flagged them down to take us to Bay St Louis to my uncle’s house where my mom was.

My uncle was the Hancock County Sheriff at that time, Sylvan Ladner. We were so glad to be

safe, but our homes were gone.

Cheryl Strang
Waveland

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I was 17, and we had a summer home on 804 N. Beach Blvd. in Bay St. Louis. I remember being there the night before placing things up (in the eaves of the house), and then coming back and half the house gone and everything in it.

And, oh yes, the smell, the same as for after Katrina. But I lived in the home for Katrina. Will never forget!

Eileen Hooper Chapoton
Diamondhead

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I was 10 years old. We lived in Bayside Park. We stayed. I can remember driving to a neighbor’s house made of blocks. Our house was lifted off its blocks.

Sharon Crow Burns
Perkinston

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My aunt and cousin were in their house at 222 N. Beach Blvd. in Bay St. Louis. Dorothy Phillips and Noel Phillips were petrified. Lots of sand and water came into the house.

The beach road in front of the house was washed away. My father drove over from New Orleans the next evening to check on them. What was usually a one-hour drive took more than three hours. He said that he had never seen pine trees snapped in half and strewn all over the highway.

When he finally made it to Bay St. Louis, he couldn’t reach the beach because of all of the debris. He abandoned his car and walked the next few blocks. He got to the back of their property and starting yelling, “Dot! Dot!”

Aunt Dot said that she and Noel were sitting at the kitchen by candlelight and she started crying when she heard him cause she knew it was her brother, Russell. We were all so happy that they were alive.

We thought it was the worst storm that could ever occur. I was 11 at the time. Now, of course, we have all witnessed Katrina.

Sally Hogue
Bay St. Louis

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This sign appeared along Highway 90 shortly after Hurricane Camille pummeled Mississippi’s Gulf Coast in August 1969, 50 years ago this weekend.



Civil Defense Director Parnell McKay looks over Pass Christian's main business district following Hurricane Camille.



A Pass Christian police officer stands guard over wreckage – including a bathtub – after the storm.



Trinity Episcopal Church in Pass Christian is shown before and after Hurricane Camille. Of the 16 people who sought refuge inside during the storm, all but one died.



A sign expressing regret for Camille's destruction lies on a pile of rubble in Waveland, the site of a former post office. In the background, H.A. Torgersen, who owned the gas station next door, works to clear debris.



Local residents wait outside the Hancock County Courthouse in Bay St. Louis for food, water and other supplies.



The Rev. William Pittman, shown at lower left, celebrates mass outside St. Thomas Catholic Church in Long Beach a week after Hurricane Camille ravaged the sanctuary.

**Hurricane Camille
file photos from
the Associated
Press and the
Times-Picayune.**



Winds from Hurricane Camille tore the tower off a building and damaged the roofs at St. Stanislaus College in Bay St. Louis.



Just two rooms support a house in Bay St. Louis after the winds from the hurricane tore out the bottom floor.



A walkway on Beach Boulevard in Waveland is all that remains of a home that was destroyed by Hurricane Camille.

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CAMILLE BRINGS DESTRUCTION TO HANCOCK COUNTY AND AREA

FREE ECHO
The Sea Coast Echo will distribute free newspapers with this issue due to the conditions existing in the Gulf Coast area.

The Sea Coast Echo

Due to the destruction brought to the Gulf Coast by Hurricane Camille the Sea Coast Echo will begin serving the Mississippi Gulf Coast with both circulation and advertising. As a service to the people of Pass Christian and Long Beach the Sea Coast Echo as a newspaper feels obligated to help these people REBUILD THEIR RESPECTIVE communities.

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WAVELAND TOWN HALL WAS BADLY DAMAGED AS MOST OF THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS SECTION OF WAVELAND WAS WIPPED OUT.



HERLIHYS MERCHANTILE STORE ON COLEMAN AVE. IN WAVELAND WAS ONE OF FEW BUILDINGS LEFT IN TACT.



VIEW OF BEACH BLVD. LOOKING SOUTH FROM COLEMAN AVENUE IN WAVELAND.



MERCHANTS BANK & TRUST CO. BUILDING ON COLEMAN AVE. WAVELAND, THE BANK VAULT WAS THE ONLY PART OF THE INTERIOR REMAINING.

HAPPENINGS TO BETTER INFORM OUR READERS

By Joe Pilet

Hancock County Storm Victims

Food, water and shelter, long recognized as prime requisites for man's survival, were abruptly taken from Hancock County residents when killer Hurricane "Camille" howled in bringing death, demolition and devastation to a large, but yet undetermined number of people. Within hours following the disaster vitally needed supplies were pouring into the area from the four corners of our vast United States. A search and rescue squad from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania contributed skill and ability in searching outlying areas and bringing stranded and injured victims to the American Red Cross Stations for treatment. Salvation Army shelters gave food, clothing, bedding and comfort. Where fires broke out New Orleans and Natchez Fire Departments fought gallantly to bring blazes under control. Adams County Civil Defense joined forces with the Natchez Sheriff's Department and the New Orleans Civil Defense in doing a superhuman job. Not to be overlooked were the magnificent services rendered by the Georgia Power Company, the Mississippi Power Company, The South Central Bell Telephone Company, the E. J. Water Well Service, and contractor H. L. Hansley of Natchez, Miss. very real and able service were the stalwart men, some 1,200 strong from the Miss. National Guard who were well in command of the tedious task of safe-guarding from looting the properties of helpless victims. Peace of mind was brought to countless people as the Tri-County C. B. Fraternity, Inc. and the Old Natchez Amateur Radio Club sent out messages of assurance to anxious relatives and friends. Mississippi Highway Patrolmen are due praise in the highest for they spared no effort in amazing accomplishments. Not to be overlooked were the services of the Seven-Day Adventists of Louisiana, the Gulf State Marine Fisheries Commission of New Orleans and countless un-named individuals and firms who arrived with fresh water, food, medical supplies, milk -- and yes, even food for stranded animals!

Avert Panic

While telephone and power lines were snarled across the roads, streets and highways men worked with deliberate speed in opening passage ways -- their trucks displaying the sign "Avert Panic". Good Advice. The people responded with calm. There was acceptance of the situation and words of praise and appreciation for all who rendered assistance.

Motels Go All Out

With crippled facilities the motels spared destruction waved aside their own losses to provide hospitality and comfort. Bill Hamzy, Manager of the Ramada Inn, together with Lou Boudreaux and his good wife, Jo, worked round-the-clock in setting up free food, free lodging, a first aid station, an injection center for typhoid, tetanus, etc. Hundreds of people lined up for vaccinations thus staving off a threatened epidemic. Volunteer workers cooked, cleaned, cheered the needy and performed a multitude of selfless services. Small children were even given "reward" candies to compensate for injector discomforts! Finally, help came in way of water supplies, donated foods, etc. The Ramada Inn, Disaster Headquarters, provided meeting places for city fathers and steering committees who worked at the arduous task of guiding the destiny of a stunned and crippled community. The Driftwood Inn valiantly housed power line crews from Georgia, Louisiana and Mississippi. They warmly accepted families, dogs, cats, and salvaged materials and gladly allowed use of their swimming pool as a public bath facility.

Friends Beat a Path

Zig-Zagging across the county, coming to a screaming halt at washed out bridges and uncleared roads, came friends from Alabama and elsewhere laden with food, water, transistor radios, coffee makers, camp equipment and canned foods. All contributed the moral building boost needed to give Camille Crushed the will to survive -- they brought HOPE.

Supplies Still Needed

Despite the caravans of comfort and generous contributions many needed supplies are dwindling or non-existent. Among the things most needed are brooms, mops, rakes, shovels, hoes, garbage pails, household cleaners and scouring pads, and silver polish, heavy cord for clothes lines, large plastic garbage bags, slack line, insect repellents, work pants, women's blue jeans, tennis shoes, work boots, disinfectants like lysol and pine oil, ready-to-eat canned foods, pencils and note paper, and foot powder and corn plasters.

Dangerous Water Contamination

Septic tanks are reportedly boiling up in the vicinity of Waveland, Clermont Harbor, Ansley, etc., and while in many places there has been a restoration or water supplies people are warned that this water is polluted and not to be used for drinking purposes. Throughout the entire area people are urged not to drink or cook with water until it has passed the health inspection.

Profiteers -- Prolific

Some instances have been reported of stores hiking the prices on necessary items despite the order to hold the price to those prices of the Saturday prior to Camille. In one instance a 25¢ loaf bread was purchased at 75¢ a loaf. Reports are that gasoline at some stations was sold at three times the normal price. Persons who were victimized are asked to report the name of the store and details to city authorities for the sure and swift day of rearing!

Help Yourself a Bit

Volunteers spent long and weary hours in an effort to see that no one goes hungry or thirsty or without medical attention when necessary. Victims can help by putting trash and waste materials in receptacles; lining up in orderly fashion, not lingering after having been served, using care in parking automobiles properly; keeping pets away from public places; showing courtesy and politeness to all people; keep voices well modulated and transistor radios turned low.

Snakes, Jagged Glass, Dead Animals, Stench

"Some children under 14 years of age were evacuated to protect them from danger of hungry, roaming animals who have become vicious through fright and hunger, as well as danger of snake bite since a reported number of poison snakes have been crawling toward higher places. Also there is a very real danger from jagged glass, nails, cuts from tin, and accidents from falling because of mud slicks and rubbish. Dead animals and decaying food swept into the mud during the storm are causing health hazards. Efforts are being made to air-lift large animals from the vicinity," said Mrs. C. O. Swealgen of Hancock General Hospital.

Hard Road Home

All phases of the local economy have been seriously hurt (Continued on Page 2)



LOOKING ON WITH DISBELIEF THAT THIS COULD EVER HAPPEN TO THE PEOPLE AND BUSINESSES OF HANCOCK COUNTY.



MERCHANTS BANK & TRUST CO. AND THE LAW OFFICES OF GEX, GEX, AND PHILLIPS STANDS IN TACT AS HURRICANE CAMILLE WIPPED OUT THE BUSINESS SECTION OF BAY ST. LOUIS.



VIEW LOOKING SOUTH FROM DOWNTOWN BAY ST. LOUIS TOWARDS ST. STANISLAUS COLLEGE.



ONLY BUILDING STANDING ON BEACH SIDE IN THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS SECTION OF BAY ST. LOUIS.

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HOUSES RECEIVED HEAVY DAMAGES AS CAMILLE CAME ASHORE IN THE BAY AREA.



EXTENSIVE DAMAGES WERE DONE TO THE UPPER LEVEL OF THE HANCOCK COUNTY COURT HOUSE.



RAILROAD CROSSING OF THE BAY WILL BE WITHOUT RAILS, THE RAILS WERE HURLED HAULTED SINCE BRIDGE IS STANDING INTO THE BAY.



HELICOPTER SURVEYS THE DESTRUCTION DONE TO THE BAY AREA EARLY MONDAY MORNING AFTER CAMILLE LEFT HER MARK ON THE ENTIRE MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST.

Happenings

with stoppage of some work, loss of businesses, and destruction of a large percentage of residential and business property. Reconstruction is destined to be slow and difficult. Mayor Warren Carver wishes to assure the people of Bay St. Louis that he and the City Commissioners pledge to do all within their power to find help and will keep the community informed through the columns of the Sea Coast Echo of progress being made.

Salvation Army Station
Our Lady of Gulf Church
Beach Front Bay St. Louis
Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church on the Beach in Bay St. Louis was fortunately spared major damage and the Salvation Army set up a distribution center for clothing and other necessities in that building. Supplies were being trucked in through the courtesy of the Navy.

Also the St. Joseph's dormitories escaped major damage. While St. Stanislaus College has an estimated half-million dollars in damages, authorities plan to open school on schedule.

Mails Are Rolling
Some Deliveries
The Post Office in Bay St. Louis is holding mail for call at window for those whose homes have been destroyed or abandoned. Some postal deliveries are being made where streets are passable. In-coming and out-going mail schedules are as usual.

Water Service Being
Restored in Areas
As early as August 22 the City of Bay St. Louis was able to provide a limited water supply. Due to many broken pipes and leakage the citizens are fortunate in the feat accomplished by this crew.

Driftwood Motel Provides Luxuries
As of August 22 the Driftwood Motel was able to provide its occupants with electric lights, hot running water in some rooms, water in all rooms, with the ice making machine and cold drink machine functioning. Women workers swept open areas since staff crew was unavailable for service.

News Headquarters For
echo Moved to Ramada
Ed Hall, manager of Sea Coast Echo, moved his staff from Camille Ravaged building into a hotel in order to provide subscribers within Hancock County area with all possible information and helpful suggestions needed to bring about relief in a variety of situations.

North America Comes Through with Help
Also located in Ramada Inn are volunteer workers who assist families in locating storage space and hauling facilities where there is salvage furniture and/or personal possessions.

Blackledge Says Snake Bite Kits Now Available
W. L. Blackledge, administrator for Hancock General Hospital announces that a limited supply of snake bite kits are available, and a new supply on order are expected.

Nurses and Interns
N.O. and Slidell Aid
A crew of volunteer nurses and interns from the New Orleans and Slidell area made possible the treatment of many victims and the added help of these persons made possible preventative medications and inoculations needed to avert epidemics. Local Hancock nursing and hospital staff announced drug companies came through with adequate quantities of needed drugs.

Ham Operators Give Endless Hours
Operating from the Ramada Inn Headquarters the amateur radio operators announce they are ready and willing to send messages to all states giving information to relatives and loved ones and receiving messages to be picked up from that point.

Hancock General Hospital Operating on Schedule
As of Monday the Hancock General Hospital is fully staffed and open to serve on a regular schedule, according to a report made in an interview with W. L. Blackledge, hospital administrator.

In addition to the regular service, the first aid station is also in operation and vaccines are being administered for tetanus, typhoid, etc. A number of snake bite kits have been distributed, however, Mr. Blackledge says the reports of numbers of snake bite victims has been somewhat exaggerated. On Saturday only one person was treated at Hancock County Hospital for snake bite.

In order to serve the people in rural and outlying areas, a team of eight doctors with nurses and assistants from New Orleans have been assigned to key locations.

A registered pharmacist, H. W. Griffon of Pass Christian, is on hand together with technologists from Keesler Air Force Base Hospital.

Red Cross Receives Help
Presbyterian Church Algiers
Local Volunteer crews working from the Red Cross Center located in the St. Augustine Seminary gymnasium praised highly the method of organization used by members of the Presbyterian Church in Algiers who not only collected clothing and food for distribution, but also marked sizes and package contents for fast distribution.

Red Cross Services
At the Red Cross Center located in the gymnasium at St. Augustine Seminary orders are being written giving permission to obtain needed items such as mattresses, roofing, and groceries. Procedure is handled by a group of local ladies and also members of the Red Cross Staff.

Food and Cleaning Supplies
Distributed from Elementary
School Ullman Ave. Entrance
Such needed items as groceries, coffee, butter in cans, ready-to-eat canned meats, etc. are being distributed from the Elementary School. First obtain an order through the Red Cross Headquarters located in the St. Augustine Seminary. Also available are chlorox, pine oil, scouring powder, soap powder, and other items needed for re-claiming items recovered from the Hurricane Camille mud.

Caution on Contamination
As a safety measure people are urged to use chlorine in washing dishes and rinsing glasses prior to drinking from them. There is an adequate supply of fresh and safe water available through many distribution points including the area in front of the TG&Y on Highway 90, behind the Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church on the Beach.

Lineman Injured
On Sunday an unidentified lineman was seriously injured while making repairs at the Hancock General Hospital.

Temporary Morgue
A temporary morgue, set up across from Hancock General Hospital, handled two unidentified victims on Saturday. According to an opinion stated by W. L. Blackledge of the Hancock General Hospital, it will be virtually impossible to get an accurate count of casualties at this time because there has been a lack of co-ordination and direction.

Looking Towards an Apartment Above
Waveland Drug Store in the Downtown Area of Waveland.

Arceneaux's Service Station Located on Beach Blvd. Remains in Partial Contact.

Scene of Railroad Crossing Next to Merchants Bank & Trust Co. Located on Beach Blvd. Downtown Bay St. Louis.

Main Street Bay St. Louis Looking at Jeromes Department Store.

View of Main Street Bay St. Louis from the Corner of Second Street, Methodist Church is Shown in Detail.

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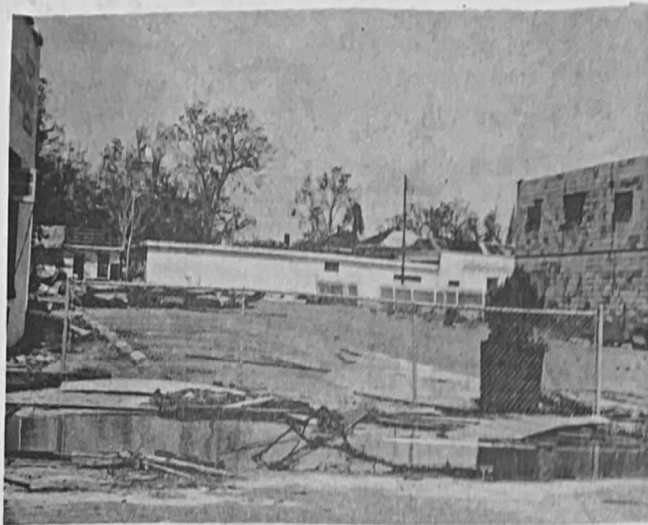
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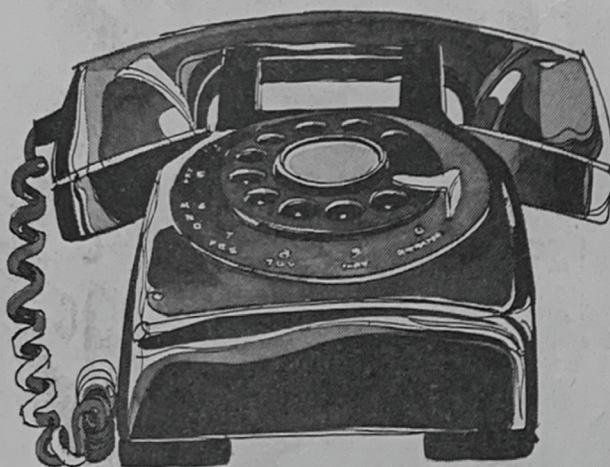
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News From Pearl River Junior College

Pearl River Junior College officials announced that the 1969-70 session opening date will be delayed one week due to hurricane Camille.

The schedule of the opening of school will be as follows: Football practice begins 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 27, 1969. Faculty meeting will be 8:30 a.m., Friday, September 5th. Dormitories will open at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, Septem-

ber 7th. Pre-Reg. Sophomores will register Monday, September 8th from 8-12. Pre-Reg. Freshmen will register Monday, September 8th from 1-4 and Tuesday, September 9th from 8-12. All other students will register Tuesday, September 9th from 1-4. Regular classwork begins Wednesday, September 10th.

Brief

The S. B. A. Loan Office is now located in the Hancock Bank Building in Gulfport. Anyone desiring information can go to the Hancock Bank in Bay St. Louis, according to Leo Seal, Jr., President.



HOUSES WERE DESTROYED ALSO IN BUSINESS SECTION OF THE BAY.



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MAGNOLIA SUPPLY BUILDING RECEIVED HEAVY DAMAGES AS HURRICANE CAMILLE CAME ON LAND IN DOWNTOWN BAY ST. LOUIS.



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SENATOR JAMES O. EASTLAND SAID HERE WEDNESDAY THE UNITED STATES OFFICE OF EDUCATION IS "COMPOUNDING THE TRAGEDY" IN MISSISSIPPI'S HURRICANE STRICKEN AREAS.

SENATOR EASTLAND LASHED OUT AT WHAT HE CALLED "HEARLESS AND VINDICATIVE FEDERAL BUREAUCRATS" WHO HAVE ORDERED FUNDS CUTOFF TO SIX SOUTH MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Pulpwood Clean-Up To Boost County Economy

Forestry Commission To Aid In Marketing

The Mississippi Forestry Commission has opened an office in the Hancock County Agricultural Building, Necaise Avenue, Bay St. Louis, to aid timber owners in selling hurricane damaged timber. The office will be manned six days a week, Monday through Saturday. The telephone is 467-4711.

In charge of the project is M. T. Parker from the district fire control headquarters at Wiggins. Parker is well known in this area as he served here as Area Forester from 1954 to 1961.

The office Parker said, "Will maintain a list of damaged timber owners and a list of timber buyers. Much of the damaged timber is marketable and owners should list their names and addresses at the Forestry office."

"Although the normal fire season in this area does not begin until November, the Forester pointed out, with so much damaged timber on the ground the fire hazard is greatly increased and owners should sell damaged timber thereby lessening the fire hazard."

"If you must burn in clean-up operations, he added, do it early in the morning or late in the evening. Brush should be piled in small piles with plenty of cleared space around each pile before setting on fire."

The fire tower at Necaise Crossing was blown down. "Hancock Tower" just north of Kiln is a Dispatching tower with James Necaise as dispatcher. Telephone 255-7152.

Fire Control Headquarters for the Southeast District are at Wiggins which has two fire fighting units--trucks, crawler tractors, plows, two-way radio and possible air patrol.

Whitfield Lumber Co., of Bay St. Louis, working in co-operation with International Paper Co., has begun salvaging down and damaged pulpwood ravished by Hurricane Camille.

To put immediate funds back into the county economy the operation has resulted in the establishment of a new salvage shipping operation out of Mulatto Bayou, site of Hancock County's new port and harbor project, and the opening of a new rail spur at Mississippi Test Facility.

The port loading facility is expected to handle between 1,000 and 1,200 cords per week and should result in a gross gain to the county economy of between \$15,000 and \$20,000 per week. The rail spur facility is being established to cope with a 500 cord per week load. This will result in an additional approximately \$10,000 per week influx into the area.

The International Paper Co. established loading points are being operated for both private producers as well as for company owned pulpwood operations.

Of this Sam Whitfield, president of Whitfield Lumber Co., said, I want to stress that these yards are being put in for public use not just private wood. International Paper has put the yards in operation to try and salvage as much wood as is possible from private lands as well as their lands."

Whitfield also said he was trying to recruit pulpwood haulers from Alabama, Louisiana, and Northern Mississippi, to handle the sudden availability of timber.

International officials estimate 60,000 cords as being damaged on their lands within the county. A like figure is being advanced as possible estimate for privately owned timber.

When the full workforce expected to be recruited for the removal task is in full swing Whitfield said probably 250-300 people will be involved.

"The big job of removing downed timber will probably take six months," Whitfield said, adding that it will be entirely possible that a further 18 months will be needed to go back and salvage all the damaged timber.

Information For Bay Residents

SCHOOLS TO OPEN

Superintendent of Bay St. Louis school system, J.D. McCulloch, has been busily rounding up teachers and most people know that the Tuesday night meeting of the School Board concerned itself with setting the opening date for registration.

A faculty meeting is set for 9 a.m., Friday, September 12, at respective schools and an overall staff-faculty meeting at 2 p.m., Bay High, the same day. All students are to register Monday, September 15 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at their respective schools. School will begin September 16 with a full schedule of classes.

Contractor and architect, Fred Wagner, has made a survey of the damages done to school property and estimates in the neighborhood of \$200,000. "We are going right ahead with the education of our children," declared McCulloch, "for they need all the preparation for life they can get -- and we owe it to them." McCulloch also expressed satisfaction with the staff and faculty set up and is confident this will be one of the finest school years Bay St. Louis has ever seen. St. Stanislaus has already made preparations with no change in schedule.

CITY OFFICIALS HELP DISPLACED TO RELOCATE.

"We have phased out all rental property available through FHA repossessed houses," said John McDonald who headed the chairmanship on these properties. "However, we believe the mobile homes will be an answer to the requirements of many." Mayor Warren Carver said many applications were being made at the City Hall for these mobile homes. There really aren't many restrictions and very little "red tape". Those able will pay a nominal rental. Those unable will use them free. Application forms are on hand and requirements are a hook-on to sewer system, location on owner's property and a bit of individual case information.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 139 MEETS TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE RE-LOCATION

Luke Scianna, adjutant of the local American Legion post, called a meeting of the more than 500 members to get an expression of opinion on the best possible approach to re-building on the old site or re-locating the Legion Home. There will be a full report on this in The Sea Coast Echo's next issue.

WATER, CLEAR, COOL WATER

A number of men representing the Mississippi State Board of Health and out of the Jackson headquarters are making tests to determine the purity of water. Almost every well so far inspected has passed the test. Swimming pools, too, are said to be safe for use in all cases where chlorination and cleaning has been accomplished. If you are in doubt about whether or not to drink water from your tap you should request a test run on a sample. The Board of Health is located on Dunbar Avenue.

AND OUR FLAG IS STILL THERE

Americans, a patriotic people, have loved and cherished Old Glory -- a symbol of freedom. Freedom won through hardships and through bloodshed and loss of precious lives. The sight of our Stars and Stripes gives needed strength. A banner to follow! The wide-spread display of the American Flag has cheered a stunned and weary community. It seems to say: "We're here", "We're going to re-build", "We aren't surrendering to Camille". Many of the flags are new ones, supplied through a wholesale house who at first made them available free. But when an exceptional and overwhelming number of requests kept rolling in for more, the flag-makers had to charge. First just a dollar -- now a little more -- still much less than the cost of manufacture! In some cases flags have been reclaimed from the muck and mud and carefully washed before displaying. Everybody remembers the rules taught since childhood of showing respect for the flag. No dirty flag is ever displayed. No torn flag. Those that cannot be re-claimed must be burned. Old Glory will wave proudly -- far and long will her colors be seen.

STOUT-HEARTED SIGNS OF TIME

Many proud, brave, stout-hearted signs are going up. One placed on a pile of rubble announced "We shall return". Others "Back in a little while" and "Out for lunch", etc.

Admittedly Camille was a demanding, expensive, ill-mannered, heart-breaking hussy -- but she really wasn't all bad! Like nothing else could have done it -- disaster has united these people. It has been the great-leveler -- the equality establisher! We are a people in a declared disaster area. We are with a common purpose. Our task is to re-build Bay St. Louis -- and rebuild it better!

Coast Electric Has 80% Service

Coast Electric Power Association has restored electric service to over 80 percent of its consumers in Hancock, Harrison, and Pearl River Counties. The entire system was out as a result of Hurricane Camille.

H.H. Shattuck, Coast Electric general manager, said that service would be ready for 90 to 95 percent in the next few days. In cases where flooding occurred, consumers are urged to have a qualified electrician inspect the wiring prior to reconnection.

Shattuck had high praise for the rural electric systems from neighboring states who sent construction crews and service units to assist in the rebuilding. Nearly 300 men from other systems have come to help. "Of course our own men have borne the brunt of the rebuilding job," he said, "Our men have worked from dawn till dusk without a break since the hurricane struck. The loyalty and devotion of Coast Electric employees is a tremendous thing," said Shattuck.

Coast EPA's Bay St. Louis office have remained open constantly since the hurricane. Outside crews have been housed in every available space, including the CEPA Crew Room. A special note of thanks goes to St. Stanislaus for housing several crews which had no place to live.

It is expected that most of the

outside construction crews who came to assist will be able to return to their individual co-ops around September 15. Shattuck said by that time smaller service units will be in the area to complete the rebuilding.

"It is our plan to hire additional construction crews to complete the sizable job of clearing and cleaning," said Shattuck, "and it looks like the job will take from four to six months."

Shattuck also said that we can expect outages from time to time as a result of overhanging limbs and trees. He said every effort is being made to speed up the right-of-way clearing and trimming.

The Rural Electrification Administration processed a prior Coast EPA loan application so that funds would be available to take care of part

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Damages Light At Miss. Test Facility

Hurricane Camille caused relatively light damage at the NASA-Marshall Space Flight Center's Mississippi Test Facility and the Michoud Assembly Facility. The Mississippi Test Facility is in southwest Mississippi, and the Michoud Facility is near New Orleans.

There were no injuries reported at either facility.

The hurricane hit the Mississippi Gulf Coast late Sunday and moved inland east of the Mississippi Test Facility.

The Space Agency offered assistance to local officials in the area in coping with the emergency.

An estimated 1,600 refugees spent Sunday night at MTF. Officials said some people may spend several more days there depending upon the extent of damage to homes in surrounding communities.

Early reports indicate that the Saturn V first (S-1C-12) and second (S-11-10) stages in the test stands were not damaged. Several Science and Engineering and Program Management personnel were sent to the test site to assist in assessing any stage damage.

High winds and water caused a power failure at MTF and emergency generators were put into use. Some overhead

power lines were knocked down and underground lines were flooded.

While no major MTF structures were damaged extensively, several roofs and doors were damaged. One platform on the A-2 Test Stand was damaged.

MTF suspended operations Monday. Operations were to resume Tuesday.

Michoud officials report that about 25 per cent of the roof on a portion of the checkout building was damaged. A ventilator broke off and went through the roof of the building and the roofing peeled back. Siding is gone from the corner of the building between Test Cells One and Three.

There was no major damage reported at Michoud.

Twelve to 13 foot tides were contained by the 18 foot levees in the area.

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NASA-MTF Helped All Gulf Coast

Emergency assistance was provided by the NASA-Marshall Space Flight Center along the Gulf Coast area devastated by Hurricane Camille August 17 and 18.

While the Marshall Center's Mississippi Test and Michoud Assembly Facilities escaped serious damage as the hurricane moved inland, many homes of employees were among the thousands destroyed and the injury toll was high.

Marshall Space Flight Center employees started assistance early August 18, in the wake of the hurricane. Jack Balch, manager of the Mississippi Test Facility who was inside his home when it was

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Ramada Inn Phases Out... Free Meals And Rooms

A final and excellent chicken dinner served on Tuesday evening at the Ramada Inn ended the free meals which have been made available to thousands of Camille Hurricane victims and provided a life-line to the dazed, shocked and bewildered Hancock County residents over a period of ten days.

On Wednesday the Ramada, whose manager estimated approximately 1,000 meals had been served free each day, was open for business as usual with the remark: "Camille slowed us down, but she didn't stop us!"

Temporary offices provided through the generous Ramada Inn packed up and vacated, returning to old locations. Rooms occupied by the homeless were vacated, cleaned and made available on the usual room-free basis.

Ramada made a quick comeback. Grounds are free of trash, broken window panes have been repaired, leaks in the roofing fixed. Camille is now just a bad dream -- to be forgotten.

Not to be forgotten, however, were the gallant acts of kindness, the hours of volunteer services, the courageous characters, all of whom helped greatly to alleviate the suffering of Camille's victims.

LIMITED FIRE FIGHTING

EQUIPMENT IN OPERATION

Only two fire trucks are presently available in Pass Christian and these are crippled by low water pressure and slow traffic over recently cleared streets still filled with hurricane wash-water pot holes and not yet free from small rubbish litter.

BED AND BOARD PROBLEMS

Corp of Engineer working crews are faced with problems of finding sleeping quarters and eating facilities. Many of them travel distances to report for duty, some depend on Red Cross and Salvation Army chow lines for food. Others eat from canteens the government issue foods. Not a grocery store or restaurant in the entire town was left following the hurricane Camille's onslaught.

Red Cross Processes Thousands of Claims

According to Mrs. D. McLaughlin, a Red Cross official located in the Rosenthal Hall of St. Augustine, over 1,300 claims were processed as of Tuesday night (August 26). The Red Cross staff with assistance of local volunteer workers gave issues enabling destitute people to get mattresses, food, clean-up supplies, etc. Wednesday's line seemed lengthening, since the give-away stations for distribution of milk and bread were closed.

Helping to ease the tension, stations for free food located at Our Lady of the Gulf, Ramada Inn, etc., eased the hunger pangs for refugees. Clothing in abundance was for the finding at several churches. Much time was spent by those in need attempting to find suitable apparel in correct sizes, etc. There was a definite shortage on work boots for both men and women.

Pass Christian Reports Progress

By Joe Pilet
Pass Christian Reporter

Pass Christian, Miss. Sept. 2 -- Thomas E. Sembera, area project officer appointed by President Nixon, is now located in Pass Christian with offices on the second floor of the Hancock Bank building and says work in this disaster area has been well defined. Progress is being made satisfactorily with phases one and two of the Clean Up project. Approximately 70 hauling trucks and 25 pieces of heavy equipment with a full complement of crewmen are engaged in the work of cleaning streets and thoroughfares and disposing of the accumulated debris. This work will be later extended to cover areas defined as safety and health hazards as recommended by the public health service.

Next phase will embrace public utilities i.e. restoration of water system, assistance with drainage, sewerage, etc. At this time some water service is available, however, it is raw water supply and to be used only for cleaning purposes. This water is not safe for drinking purposes unless treated by boiling or use of chemicals designed to purify. Work of the Corp. (U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers) extends to projected restoration of city owned buildings, facilities and operating equipment such as fire trucks, garbage trucks, etc.

Operating in a limited capacity is one Standard Oil Service Station, a lawn-mower repair shop, a hardware store (Martin's), and a small pick-up place (Collins' Corner).

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Long Beach Seeks Disaster Assistance

By Joe Pilet
Long Beach Reporter

Long Beach, Sept. 2 -- The city of Long Beach, a strip of the fabulous Mississippi "Gold Coast" five miles long and one mile deep boasted a population of 9,000 people with property assessed at a value of roughly thirteen million dollars.

Its Mayor, the honorable Wm. G. D. Skellie estimates that possibly 80% of the taxable properties were damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Camille. Yet, Long Beach is sizing up its progress toward restoration and counting its blessings.

The town has water -- pure, good drinking water with good pressure. And there is electric service and quite a number of telephones in good working order. The library stands and a

sizable number of business places are open.

The police department is functioning and have the added responsibility of accounting for casualties. Joe Reeves, Superintendent of the school system, expects to start school registration within two weeks. The displaced persons are being taken care of and mobile homes are rolling in.

On the whole the town has made commendable progress with the clean-up and streets are relatively litter-free with fewer potholes than in the sister-cities. Mr. Pete H. Carrubba, the city attorney, is now back on the job and digging into the fact-finding and up-dating work. Bill Fennell expects to have his presses rolling within the week.

The city's pulse is still a bit rapid from the excitement of encountering Camille -- but the pulse is strong and the town has an air of stability that bespeaks confidence of ability to recover.

Last Sunday church worship was conducted in the usual manner and at the Methodist church on the corner of Pine Street there was a lovely Sunday-afternoon wedding ceremony. Cafe conversation seemed varied too. Long Beach coffee sippers are able to talk about more things than Hurricane Camille! Surely the way of life will not be permanently affected by disaster for the courageous and realistic people who are the residents of Long Beach.

St. Stanislaus To Begin 116th Year Sept. 15

Brother Lee Barker, S.C., principal of St. Stanislaus High School in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, announced today that St. Stanislaus would begin its 116th school session on September 15, 1969. The opening of school had been postponed earlier in order to get the school in top shape after Hurricane Camille.

Enrollment for the present school session will be around the five hundred mark, with a capacity of three hundred boarding students being already signed up. Brother Pierre St. Pierre will be serving his first year as president of St. Stanislaus, while Brother Lee Barker will begin his fourth year as principal.

St. Stanislaus is a boarding and day school for boys from the fifth to the twelfth grade and is conducted by the Brothers of the Sacred Heart.

GAS LINE REPAIRS

Some inspection and repairs of the city gas lines has started. However, in some instances nothing can be done until fallen trees and brush has been cleared in order to get to the lines.

Bay Bridge Now Closed

Traffic will be restricted to emergency use only on the Bay St. Louis and Biloxi-Ocean Spring bridges immediately, the Mississippi highway department announced at noon today.

Contracts have been let to begin repairs on the bridges and the bridges now are under the jurisdiction of the contractors.

People who use the bridges, including those to go to work, should find another route, a highway spokesman said.

Traffic on the bridges will be closed except for emergencies until about Sept. 20.

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Notice To BSL City Residents

IN an attempt to provide information to citizens, the City of Bay St. Louis has initiated the Bay St. Louis Municipal Planning and Industrial Support Team.

CITIZENS will be kept informed with reports and public notices as they are compiled. Additional information may be obtained by calling 467-9094.

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE PLEASE PURIFY ALL CITY WATER before drinking.

Do not start any outdoor fires. Don't waste water.

REPORT ALL GAS, WATER AND SEWAGE LEAKS, TO CITY HALL, STAY OFF THE STREETS BETWEEN 11 p.m. and 1 a.m., the curfew is still in effect. Keep all streets open for emergency vehicles.

APPLY at city hall for mobile homes (city residents only.)

CHECK WITH CITY HALL BEFORE ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH ANY NON-RESIDENT FIRM OR INDIVIDUAL.

DO NOT START NEW construction at this time. Revisions are being made to existing building codes. These revisions will be completed within the next 40 days.

Have possible defective wiring caused by Hurricane Camille checked by your electrician. YOU MAY AVERT A COSTLY FIRE.

SCHOOLS

SANT ROSE DE LIMA will open Sept. 10, students please bring your lunch, water and milk will be available.

OUR LADY OF THE GULF will open Sept. 11. Busses will operate. Bus routes will be announced at Mass Sunday.

SAINT STANISLAUS will open Sept. 11.

ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS, will open Sept. 11; busses will operate.

CHRIST EPISCOPAL SCHOOL will open Sept. 22.

GENERAL INFORMATION

FIRE Protection is considered inadequate at this time because of low water pressure.

CERTAIN areas north of highway 90, in the city of Bay St. Louis have been declared health and safety hazards. By the State Health Dept, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have agreed to remove this debris. City property owners living north of highway 90 are requested to come to city hall on Thursday, Sept. 11 to see if their property is included and also sign a release authorizing this effort.

THE Bay St. Louis gas system is now operational excluding Paradise Point and areas north of Englem Ave., also other homes having broken meters, regulators and line breaks. 800 gas meters and regulators are on order, partial shipment is expected Sept. 11, with the balance promised Sept. 22.

WATER OF POWER is available. Patrons not having power may have broken meters or house wiring damage.

BAY ST. LOUIS residents have requested 127 mobile homes consisting of 34 three bedroom units and 93 two bedroom units. Mobile homes arriving in Bay St. Louis will be equally distributed to Bay St. Louis, Waveland and Hancock County. Mr. Everett Peterson has been appointed as the housing authority administrator for the city of Bay St. Louis.

TEN PUBLIC phones are temporarily installed at the A.A.U. Food store on Main St. Approximately 1500 phones are now in service. Total phone service estimated for Sept. 18. Present subscribers have first priority on phone restoration.

WATER OF CITY streets are open to traffic, excluding Beach Boulevard from Carroll Ave. to DeMontblanc. Partially obstructed Beach Boulevard includes strip from Court St. to Ballewline, and from Dunbar to the end of the seawall.

THE ABOVE information was compiled Sept. 9, 1969. Should you require additional information please call 467-9094.

Manpower Survey

Dr. Howard A. Matthews, director of the Division of Manpower Development and Training, U.S. Office of Education, Washington, D. C., visited the state on August 22 for a tour and personal view of the hurricane devastated Mississippi Gulf Coast at the request of A. P. Fatherree, state director of Vocational Education.

The purpose of the trip was to determine if some of the unemployment problems caused by the disaster could be aided under the Manpower Development and Training Act.

Matthews and Fatherree determined that many of the people now unemployed because of the destruction could be made re-employable by vocational training in the reconstruction and related occupational areas.

A training program under this act could fulfill four main purposes, which are as follows:

1. Immediately occupy unemployed heads of households in a constructive program.
2. Provide a sum of money

CALENDAR DESTROYED

Those who made arrangements to be married in September and October in Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church are asked to contact the rectory as soon as possible as the calendar was destroyed in the hurricane.

Rev. Gregory Johnson, pastor, noted it is important to contact the rectory as soon as possible so proper arrangements can be made.

B.W. GARDEN CLUB

Due to the unfortunate circumstances now existing for its many members, the Bay-Waveland Garden Club executive board has cancelled the September meeting. October plans will be announced at a later date.

LIBRARY TO OPEN

City-County Library Dunbar and Uman, re-open, Thursday, August 11.

on which to live in the meantime (for heads of households through the Miss. Employment Security Commission).

3. Prepare trained people to help fill the jobs to be made available due to the need for reconstruction.

4. Help provide for some reconstruction and maintenance for public facilities by using this for practical training experiences for the person being trained.

A proposal has been worked out jointly with the Miss. Employment Security Commission and submitted, requesting two million dollars for this program. This would train approximately 1,000 people for entry-level jobs within a year's time.

LONG BEACH

Long Beach Residents wishing to have debris removed from their property can obtain a release from the Long Beach City Hall, Jeff Davis Avenue.

8,709 Property Owners Contact SBA For Loans

In the three weeks since Hurricane Camille struck the Gulf Coast on August 17, the Small Business Administration has been contacted by more than 8,709 home-owners and small businessmen in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.

During these three weeks, more than 4,375 loan applications have been handed out. Of these applications handed out, 569 have been returned to SBA's disaster offices; 504 for home

loans for a total of \$3,491,230; and 65 for businesses for \$1,847,310.

Ten of these loans have already been approved and disbursed for a total of \$23,000.

In the weeks ahead, SBA expects many, many more applications as the storm damage is cleared and the residents of the area have a change to get back on their feet.

Those who want to contact SBA Disaster Offices should go to the office nearest them: Gulf National Bank Building



Mr. President Goes To Gulfport

By Joe Pilet
Sea Coast Staff Writer

Along the Mississippi Gulf Coast miracles are happening every day! A multitude of grateful people witnessed one on Tuesday night when the masses made their way to the Gulfport Air Port to watch the great, beautiful Presidential Plane, with it's V.I.P. cargo, glide in from the wide-blue yonder and touch down on the landing strip just as the sun glowed a final burnished gold in the background. Somebody said it was twenty-two minutes till eight. The actual time doesn't matter. What matters -- and matters very much -- Mr. Nixon, the President of the United States with his gracious First Lady, a host of prominent people such as Governor John Bell Williams; Senators James O. Eastland, and John Stennis; members of the House of Representatives William M. Colmer, and Charles Griffin and other state leaders were on the spot for the express purpose of working out a come-back for this Hurricane Camille disaster area. Of course, President Nixon had expressed his concern at the time

Camille hit. It was then that he appointed George Hastings of the President's Office of Emergency Preparedness to declare the hard-hit Gulfcoast area -- DISASTER AREA. Yes, President Nixon came to the area to express personal concern and to bring a plane full of hope and reassurance to Hurricane victims. Mississippians will long recall the President cared enough to come in person! Just the sight of the American Flag emblazoned on the plane with the wording United States of America was enough to raise the spirits of the grieving, heavy burdened, throng. Thousands of people stood in a short of hushed excitement to hear from loud speaker systems that the President wished a brief conference with state officials and others in authority before addressing the audience. There was the sound of Souza's march music coming from a school band, the Biloxi Indians, dressed in full regalia. Small children were hoisted to their father's shoulders. They waved American flags, and home-made banners with such slogans as: "The South Shall Rise Again!" "Thank you, Mr. President!" "Y'all come back now!" "Waveland Needs Your Help!" "We love you!" "The Coast will Build Bigger and Better!"

ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD

"I am confident", said President Nixon, when he emerged from the plane and addressed the crowd, "that you will not only rebuild, but build a new area with new ideas." This statement came after the thirty-minute briefing session within the Presidential Plane and with Attorney-General John P. Mitchell much in evidence. "When a people are able to survive a disaster they develop a greatness they never knew they had," affirmed the president as he recalled the earthquakes which virtually destroyed San Francisco, Calif. and Anchorage, Alaska. Help has come to Mississippi. More help is on the way. George Hastings (Office Emergency Preparedness) said: "I can say with confidence today the Gulf Coast is on its way to recovery." "In Mississippi and Louisiana we estimate that well over \$65,000,000 will be spent for restoration of public facilities, debris clearance and protective measures. This in addition to the many millions required for restoration of homes, businesses and other private property". In recalling progress made, Mr. Hastings said ninety-nine percent of roads and streets are now open to traffic. Contracts for \$2,709,646 have been let in Mississippi alone for this work. In some cases separate contracting will be let to local governing bodies--they will be federally reimbursed.

AMPLE FACILITIES FOR CLEAN UP

Hastings reported debris removal from public and private property is underway and efforts are being concentrated on this important health and safety phase. On the Mississippi Gulf Coast 1,541 private contractor personnel and 450 dump trucks under the U. S. Corp of Army Engineers is at work. More will be added. At this writing 500 mobile homes have been delivered to families made homeless and more than 800 are scheduled to be added within the week. "A fair beginning", said Hastings. Meanwhile and in orderly fashion water samples are being analyzed. Tests will continue until all water systems are

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EMERGENCY HOUSING INFORMATION FOR HANCOCK COUNTY

Because of the growing confusion on rules and guidelines pertaining to emergency housing for hurricane-stricken families, the following procedure for obtaining a U.S. Government provided mobile home is presented. This is the procedure presently being followed in Hancock County and the municipalities of Bay St. Louis, Waveland and is not necessarily the procedure followed elsewhere.

APPLICANT MUST BE ELIGIBLE

To be eligible for emergency housing the following conditions must exist:

1. Applicant is a permanent resident of one of the above mentioned areas.
2. Housing that the applicant was living in just prior to the hurricane was destroyed or rendered uninhabitable by the hurricane. (This will be verified later by the housing authority inspector.)
3. If single, the applicant must be 62 years old or older, or be handicapped to be eligible. Exceptions to this general rule can be made by the local housing administrator.

FILL OUT APPLICATION

Go to the Temporary Housing Administrators' office for the area that you were living in as shown below and obtain the application forms. Fill out the application and return it to the appropriate housing office.

Hancock County Residents: (All except residents of Bay St. Louis and Waveland.)

Colonial Plaza Office Complex - Bay St. Louis

on Highway 90 - Phone: 467-7022

Bay St. Louis Residents:

City Hall - 2nd Street

Phone: 467-9091

Waveland Residents:

Waveland Town Hall - Coleman Avenue

Phone: 467-4247

CLEAR LOT OF DEBRIS

It is the responsibility of the applicant to clear the lot of debris and obstructions if the mobile home is to be located on private property other than local trailer courts. This includes

clearing an area 20 ft. by 65 ft. for the trailer to be located on, and clearing the access way from a public road of all debris and obstructions.

Identify the lot so it can be found and recognized by the housing inspectors. A board nailed on a tree with the applicant's name and address is sufficient. This should be located in a conspicuous spot where it can be seen and read from a passing automobile.

PROVIDE UTILITIES

It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide all utilities (water, power, sewage) to within five (5) feet of the cleared lot.

LOT INSPECTION

After completion of the above tasks, promptly notify the Housing Office that the lot is ready for inspection. If possible, make arrangements to be available when the inspection team arrives at your lot.

LEASE AGREEMENT

If the mobile home is to be located in a trailer court or on someone else's property, a lease agreement between the Housing Authority and the property owner must be entered into. This consists of a form that gives the housing authority permission to locate a mobile home on the premises for an acceptable fee.

LEASE CONTRACT

Upon receipt of a mobile home, the applicant must sign a lease contract in which he agrees to pay a monthly rental for the mobile home. Details on the cost of the mobile home rentals have not been established at this writing. However, it is understood that the first two months will be rent free (except utilities) and subsequent monthly rates will be based on the ability of the occupant to pay.

Several weeks wait must be anticipated for mobile home delivery. Deliveries are slow in coming and the waiting list numbers in the hundreds. Your patience and cooperation is very earnestly requested.

Further information can be obtained by contacting your local housing administrator at the locations indicated above.



"FIRSTST WITH THE MOSTEST" would probably be the best title to give Jefferson Parish Civil Defense squad who arrived immediately after Hurricane Camille. Convoy included motorcycle outriders, food and water supplies, communications, and emergency generating units. With them came entire sanitation department crews led by Ray Condon, commissioner of sanitation, and Peter Rasso, commissioner of water. Overall convoy of more than 50 units was led by Jefferson Parish President Tom Donelan, and Sheriff Alvin Cronch. Apart from setting up emergency supply and distribution unit the Jefferson group supplied emergency electrical power to Hancock General Hospital and began working on the City of Bay St. Louis' water and sewer systems.

Sea Coast Echo coverage from Thursday, Sept. 18, 1969

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
Notice is hereby given that anyone who wishes to salvage any property or timber or otherwise on public roads must do so on or before September 27, 1969, HANCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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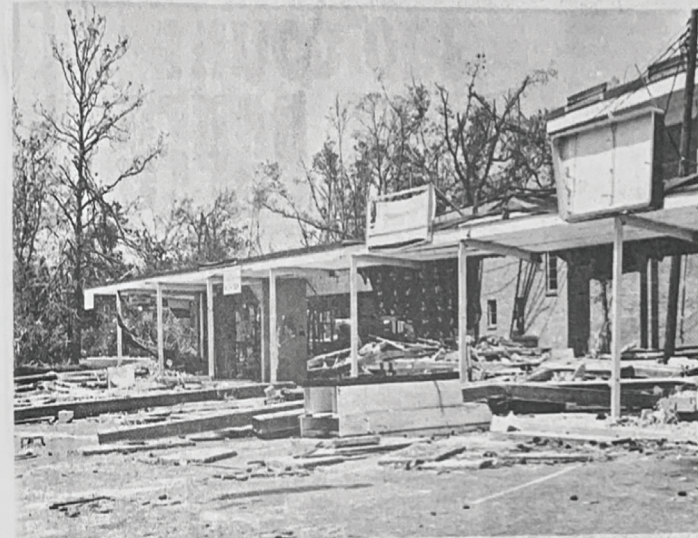
ATTENTION

ALL trucks and cars are to obey the 4-way stop and other vehicle directional signs. Violators will be subject to arrest.



PASS CHRISTIAN'S downtown section facing Highway 90 where business now is practically nil.

(Ed Fayard, Jr.)



LONG BEACH shopping Center was once headquarters for Triplett-Day Drugs, A & P Food Market, Morgan and Lindsey, Maxine's Carousel of Beauty, Buds Fashions, Ltd., State Farm Insurance, and Odis Simmons Realty.

(Ed Fayard, Jr.)



BAY ST. LOUIS' debris strewn Main St., core of city businesses, now joins an empty Beach Blvd.

(Staff Photo)



WAVELAND'S Merchants Bank sign stands tall over the once busy branch office on Coleman Avenue.

(Staff Photo)

Rebuilding Guidelines To Reduce Hurricane Damage

Camille Toll 288 Beach Homes

Hancock County Assessor, George Heitzmann, made a long weary footsore journey beginning August 18 on Beach Boulevard, from one end of the Sea Wall to the other, of approximately 14 miles. On this hiking trip he counted 288 dwellings or rather where dwellings had been the day before. Most of them were completely demolished or gutted. This count was dwellings only and did not include churches, business places or public buildings.

"This count, the assessor said, means a loss of nearly \$750,000,00 in assessed valuation exclusive of real estate."

During the next few months he expects to have a complete count of all demolished dwellings in the county. This task will take considerable time due to lack of extra help in the assessor's office.

Mulatto Bayou Future Bright

The fact that Hancock County's port and harbor project at Mulatto Bayou remained high and dry throughout Hurricane Camille may have had bearing on the decisions of two industrial concerns to seriously consider the facility in their plans.

Both are expected to make official announcement within the next two weeks and should their decision be favorable, it will be the best news for this county since the eye of the hurricane passed directly overhead.

Port and Harbor Commissioners on Thursday approved the site preparation activities of their director, C. H. Hill, and change orders to their contractor, L. S. Smith, still, covering the work being performed at unit prices.

One of the two industries has already taken option on 40 acres and their deposit, in the form of a cashier's check, has been received and acknowledged by commissioners.

Thomas Fromherz of Fromherz Engineers, New Orleans, La., the commission's consulting engineers, said he had inspected the port facility directly after Hurricane Camille and found no problems less a few trees down at the entrance.

He reported that the new water well was flowing in excess of specifications and that

the State Board of Health had ruled the water was free of bacteriological content.

He said the barge mooring dolphins had withstood 'Camille' and were in excellent shape.

In another hurricane related matter, commissioners voted to extend the time limit on some of their contracts in accordance with engineer's recommendations. An assessment of time extension for the balance of work is expected to be rendered at their next session.

7:30 p.m., Sept. 18, in their office back of Gulf National Bank Building, US 90, Bay St. Louis.

American Red Cross-SBA Explain Activities

At a special called meeting of the American Red Cross Monday afternoon at St. Augustine Seminary in Bay St. Louis vital public information was discussed between functions of the Red Cross and the Small Business Administration in their Hancock County disaster operations.

Jim Duffy and James Gilbert, both representing the Small Business Administration told of their hours and place of base operation. The Gulf National Bank Building on Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis is where the SBA Headquarters is set up, with office hours 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. seven days a week.

The SBA representatives stated that the main information needed in order to start an application form in process was: 1. Estimate of loss in dollar value, 2. Personal household losses, 3. copy of deed to the property.

The most important factor the SBA considers is the ability of a person to repay the loans, which are available for \$100,000.00 for physical damages to business property; \$35,000.00 for damage to homeowners and \$10,000.00 for

Bay St. Louis Council Reports

In order to acquaint the citizens with pertinent information the Bay St. Louis Commission Council has initiated the Bay St. Louis Municipal Planning and Industrial Support Team. Citizens will be kept informed with reports and public notices as they are compiled. Additional information, if needed, may be obtained by calling 467-9094.

The curfew now in effect from 11:00 P.M. to 5:00 A. M. will cease at 5:00 A. M. Friday, September 19, 1969.

Keep all streets open for emergency traffic.

Do not start any out-of-door fires.

Water pressure is now normal and all storage tanks are filled to capacity. The water is now fit for human consumption and boiling or other purification methods are no longer needed. Water is now available to every one except in a few instances where there are broken service lines.

Sewage pumping is now 90 per cent operational and is scheduled 100 per cent complete by September 19.

The gas distribution system is now operational excluding Paradise Point and areas north of Engman Avenue and some dwellings where there are line breaks, broken meters or regulators.

Report all Gas, Water and Sewage leaks to City Hall. Power is now available to 98 per cent of the patrons. Those not having power may have broken meters or house wiring damage. Have possible damaged or defective wiring checked by a competent electrician. This might prevent a destructive fire.

Check with City Hall before entering into a contract with any non-resident firm or individual.

As revisions are being made in existing building codes DO NOT start any new construction at this time. Such revisions will be completed within six weeks.

Approximately 1900 telephones are now in service. Ten public phones have been installed temporarily at the A & J Food Store on Main Street. Total telephone service is estimated for September 19. Present subscribers have priority on restoration.

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Hurricanes striking the Hancock County area of the Mississippi Gulf Coast may be thwarted in their attempts at devastation. This resistance could come about as the result of new building codes and area construction restrictions.

Jack Differant, director, Gulf Regional Planning Commission, this week outlined possible guidelines on rebuilding the entire coastal area devastated by Hurricane Camille.

Speaking at a session requested by Mayor Warren Carver of Bay St. Louis, and coordinated and staged by the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, Differant said the plans were not yet complete but that by next week his office should be far enough ahead to make firm recommendations.

The planning chief asked the representatives of Bay St. Louis, the Town of Waveland, and Hancock County, to try and determine how they will define the areas of application for the new rules, this to be by geographic location, elevation above sea level, distance from the beach, or the like.

Differant, who is also heading up the overall planning for the Mississippi Gulf Coast rebuilding project, said he hoped all various governmental agencies across the entire area will adopt the new codes.

This will bring uniformity to our rebuilding efforts, Differant said.

He said the new code would be based on the Miami Code but in effect be a revised version of the Southern Standards Building Code.

Differant emphasized that without implementation of some local building regulations of this type it would probably prove impossible for area residents and businessmen to get insurance.

Mayor Carver broached the subject of rebuilding downtown Bay St. Louis and called for a modernization plan to revitalize the area and bring it back into reality as a 'bigger and better' identity.

Leo Seal, Jr., of Bay St. Louis, appointee to Governor John Bell Williams' Blue Ribbon Committee charged with the task of bringing the coast back into full potential, spoke on the insurance factor and agreed that a 'hurricane-proofing' building code must be adopted at a local level before state legislation is enacted to (Cont. on Page 10-A)

1970 Could Mean Bond Retirement For Toll Bridge

The bonded indebtedness of the Bay St. Louis toll bridge is expected to be retired in 1970, according to an annual audit report.

The auditors recommended to the Mississippi Highway Commission and trustee that no change in toll rates be made for the fiscal year.

Repairs are currently underway to the U.S. 90 span which was extensively damaged by Hurricane Camille.

The four-lane structure was opened to public use in 1953 after being constructed from proceeds of original and supplemental bond issues totaling some \$9.1 million.

As of June 30, 1969, auditors said about \$7.9 million in principal amounts had been retired, leaving a balance of \$1.2 million.

The steadily increasing use of the bridge was illustrated by figures which show 1,778,917 vehicles recorded during 1965. The number had increased to 3,788,749 annually in fiscal 1969.

Toll collections showed an increase from \$633,877 for the first full year in 1955 to \$813,655 in fiscal 1969.

Pass Christian Recovery Program Well Underway

Gulf Coast Regional Planning Director, Jack Differant and Dayton Robinson of the Pass Christian City Planning Commission recently met with local business groups to outline guide lines and rules for the rebuilding of the city's business community. A moratorium on construction on the beach has been declared until zoning and business codes have been established.

Meeting with Mayor J. J. Wittmann on Friday were members of the Board of Aldermen for the purpose of establishing ordinances for building construction within Pass Christian.

Pat Boone hosted a two-day barbecue for property owners of his newly developed "Discovery Bay" area and plans for further development of that resort property were discussed. Joining the group were State and local officials to endorse the adopted slogan of "Rebuild, and build new and better".

The city of Pass Christian's problems continue. Many persons who were evacuated during Camille are returning to reestablish. There is a real shortage on housing and there has been reported increase in the number depending on relief agency food, clothing and other

necessities. A gleam of hope to ease the situation is a planned trailer village as well as trailers for rent on private property. A trickle of trailers is arriving, but nothing near like enough to supply the demand.

"In many cases," affirmed Hursey private property is being cleared as the engineers deem necessary for the program of public health and safety." Mr. Hursey added that before any clearing of private property is done permission -- (Cont. on Page 6-A)

A Message From Your Red Cross

If you are a disaster victim in need of assistance and have not contacted the Red Cross Disaster Relief Headquarters, please do so as soon as possible. The Red Cross will remain on the job here until all plans are completed for the families that have sought aid.

However, all applications must be made by September 24th, when registrations close. You may apply for aid before then between the hours of 9 A. M. and 5 P.M. at the Red Cross Disaster Relief Headquarters (Cont. on Page 6-A)

Bay Sanitation Department Now On Strike

Without any talks or any indications of turmoil the Bay St. Louis garbage pick-up crews

added to the many trials and tribulations of the Commission Council by going on a strike

Tuesday morning. There is a considerable turnover of such crews as many individuals work

only a few days or weeks and then quit.

The Council has set up a

meeting with the strikers for tomorrow (Friday) morning. In the meantime City Hall is at-

tempting to make temporary arrangements for garbage pick-up.

• **RESIDENTS**

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I lived on Iberville Drive in Biloxi, and my family spent that night at Jeff Davis Elementary School. I remember being flooded out of the room we were in and ended up in the cafeteria.

We left our dog in the house, and I remember her crawling on her belly when we finally got home. We lived about two blocks from the beach.

Terrie Huffstickler-Cassar

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We lived in Clermont harbor. We left and went to stay with friends in DeLisle, where the roof was ripped off the house by a tornado. When we came home, ours had been washed off its foundation.

Barbara Able
Bay St. Louis

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We lived in Clermont Harbor and stayed at my aunt's house on Ballentine Street in Bay Saint Louis. The lumber from the lumberyard hit the house all night.

I can't remember how much water came in, but remember staying behind the couch in the dark. It was very scary. It took my dad and brothers hours to walk to Clermont Harbor over the debris several days after the storm and days to get in touch with missing family through ham radio.

Our homes in Clemont Harbor were destroyed. The water was over the roof with lots of mud inside and dead chickens all over the place.

Lynnette Lewallen
Hattiesburg

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My family owned the Travelrest Motel on Highway 90 in Waveland. The roof came off most of the motel. We all survived along with the guest who stayed there.

We did not have any flooding where we were, just a whole lot of wind. Camille taught us all to get away from the water when a storm was coming.

Sue Ashman
Waveland

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We swam out from Candy Lane in Waveland.

Kay Kell

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I am glad that we got out at the last minute and went to Gentilly (Louisiana). When we came back, people thought we were ghosts because they had us on the "dead list."

Harvey Hood
Pearlington

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I was 12. I remember. What a night; woke up to a different world.

Nancy Bernheim Reeves
Columbus, Mississippi

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I was 15 years old and we stayed at the old Bay High School in Bay St. Louis.

We heard all kind of reports of Waveland being on fire, people in trees, etc. We got home and found we had water past the baseboards and a boat across our driveway and partly in the street.

Diane Bourgeois Perkins
Waveland

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We Remember Camille ...

Those of us who lived through Hurricane Camille will never forget it, just as we shall never forget those brave souls we lost, or the bravery and resilience of those heroic Mississippians who survived and struggled to rebuild the Gulf Coast better than ever before.

I pray we never have to deal with a devastating storm like that again, but I know that if we do, the people of the Mississippi Gulf Coast will prevail. It's what we do.

God Bless,

MS Sen. Philip Moran, Dist. 46

50 YEARS LATER

The residents of Hancock County and the Mississippi Gulf Coast prove how resilient and strong we are time and time again. 50 years ago, following the tragedy that was Hurricane Camille, our resilience, strength and resolve were no different.

On this day, 50 years later, as we look back at where we were, and forward to just how far we have come, we can stand tall and be proud of the job we have done rebuilding our community.



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